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## Executive Summary & Introduction

This research book contains our findings from a six-week research project on candidate Robert “Christian” Castelli, who is running to represent North Carolina’s 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. It was produced through a review of news coverage, public records, social media, and campaign finance and ethics disclosures.

After graduating from St John’s University in 1992, Castelli was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He spent over 20 years in the military, earning his Green Beret in 1998 and rising as high as lieutenant colonel by the time he retired. He served 12 deployments to combat areas, including five tours in Afghanistan. Following his second tour in Afghanistan, Castelli attended Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, where he earned his MPA with a concentration in International Security and Political Economy in 2004. Castelli served in various military roles, including as inspector general for the Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg before retiring in 2012. As he transitioned to civilian life, Castelli co-founded and served as president of Santec LLC from 2013 until 2016. He was also the COO of Global Security Resources LLC from 2012 until 2021. Castelli filed to run for Congress in 2021, his first ever foray into politics. Castelli’s wife Sharon also served more than 20 years in the military and is currently the superintendent of a charter school district. They have three children and live in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

The book is broken up into two sections, beginning with a narrative exploration of Castelli’s political vulnerabilities that may be exploited during the campaign. We have detailed a number of potential hits that could be used against Castelli in the general election. We found that Castelli is an inexperienced politician who is foreign to the 6<sup>th</sup> district and is reluctant to engage with voters or the media. He lives over 60 miles from the nearest border of the district and lied to voters about the number of representatives who live outside their district. He has offered multiple excuses as to why he doesn’t live in the district and pledged to move there if he won the primary, though there is no indication he has done so yet. As a foreigner to the district, Castelli self-funded the majority of his campaign, helping provide his campaign with more money than every other Republican primary candidate combined. His Personal Financial Disclosure was filed late, despite receiving an extension and contains income information that is either incorrect or extremely unusual and worrisome. Throughout his campaign, Castelli has made no mention of his time as owner and president of Santec LLC, a startup backed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that tried to develop a waterless toilet. Despite claiming in 2013 that Santec “will save lives,” the company failed and filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy less than four years after its inception. Castelli’s time at Santec is suspiciously omitted from his LinkedIn profile or campaign website biography.

We have also identified a number of far-right political opinions and connections that may indicate his priorities in the absence of a visible campaign and social media presence. In a candidate forum, Castelli used a dangerous anti-Semitic trope, claiming that Kathy Manning, who is Jewish, “panders to the Jewish community for money.” Castelli believes that life begins at conception and has pledged to stop taxpayer money from supporting “immoral” abortions. Castelli has received the highest possible candidate rating from the NRA and has pledged his full support for gun owners. He also promotes an “America First” foreign policy, believes Critical Race Theory is “political indoctrination,” and wants to finish building the wall on the Mexican border. In addition to his support for multiple Trump policies, Castelli was a contributor to Trump’s 2020 Presidential campaign and joint fundraising committee. He pledged to use his office to prosecute Trump’s political opponents if he is elected to Congress and recently attended a dinner hosted by Eric and Lara Trump at Trump National in New York. Lastly, Castelli was endorsed by retired general and former Trump advisor Michael Flynn. Flynn pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI, was abusive with his staff, invoked the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment when asked about the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection, and has been “embroiled in so many scandals that it’s hard to keep track.”

Following our exploration of Castelli’s thematic vulnerabilities, the remainder of the book contains background information on his life, military service, and professional career. This portion contains a variety of information including his business records, financial interests, social media history, news coverage of his policy views, and much more.

## Key Findings

► **Castelli Lives Nearly 70 Miles From The Sixth District And Lied To Voters About The Number Of Representatives That Live Outside Their District:** Christian Castelli does not live in North Carolina's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Castelli's home in Southern Pines, where he moved in 2003, is nearly 70 miles from the nearest border of the district. While there is no law against living outside of the district, Castelli has offered numerous excuses, unfulfilled promises, and outright lies to distract from the fact that he lives over an hour from any of his potential constituents. He falsely claimed that 25 percent of congresspeople lived outside their district when less than five percent do, and he pledged to move into the district after he won the primary but does not yet appear to have done so. Castelli's insistence on running for office in a district he's not from, with no political experience, was simply to satisfy his hunger for power at the expense of the 6<sup>th</sup> District's best interests.

Castelli initially filed to run in North Carolina's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in November 2021 and ran there until February of 2022. After switching to the 6<sup>th</sup> District, Castelli was asked about not living in the district that he was running to represent. Castelli said he did not think it was an issue and told WXII 12 News that "Once I explain to them that you don't have to- most people don't know what the rules are. And so, when you explain that, the fact that 25% of the people in Congress don't live in the district they represent, that's a nice fact that most people are unaware of." The reason most people are unaware of such a fact is because it simply is not true. WXII 12 News "found no evidence supporting Castelli's claim that 25% of congressional representatives don't live in the district they represent," and cited a recent study showing that less than five percent of congresspeople lived outside their district. When pushed for a source behind that unsubstantiated claim, Castelli told WXII 12 News that the stat came from "someone he knows" and confirmed that it was not backed by any published report or study.

In a Facebook post the following week responding to attacks about where he lived, Castelli brought out a number of excuses. He began by claiming that it was totally legal for him to represent the district without living there. He then blamed redistricting for the confusion and argued that his address was in the 6<sup>th</sup> District in "years past," before being redistricted. He also argued that he originally chose his address to be nearer to VA facilities because he had suffered significant injuries in combat. Yet, despite all the reasons why he didn't live in the 6<sup>th</sup> District and his insistence that he didn't need to, Castelli said he planned to move there anyway if he won the Republican primary and claimed he had already put his house on the market. Castelli has since won the Republican primary and placed one of his three out-of-district properties on the market, but as of June 2022 there is no record of him selling his old home, buying a new one, or otherwise moving into the district. As of July 2022, Castelli is not eligible to vote for himself in November.

► **Castelli Is An Inexperienced Politician From Another District Who Outspent His Opponents Combined And Bought The Republican Nomination:** Christian Castelli's 2022 run for Congress is his first ever foray into politics. Despite his lack of any political experience whatsoever, Castelli has been reluctant to engage with voters and the media. Instead of addressing his inexperience and learning about issues important to the district he doesn't live in, Castelli hid behind his personal wealth in a seven-way primary to buy the Republican nomination.

Of the seven candidates who partook in the 6<sup>th</sup> District Republican primary, Castelli is the only one who lives outside the district. Yet, despite living over 60 miles from the nearest primary voter and having no history running for or holding office, Castelli made little effort to get to know the people he is running to represent. Castelli was one of only two candidates who did not fill out a questionnaire about his personal history and vision for the district. Castelli's social media profiles and campaign website make little to no mention of campaign events or opportunities for voters to get to know Castelli, and he is reticent to share his political opinions in great detail. In lieu of such traditional campaigning tactics, Castelli opted to buy the Republican nomination with his own money. Castelli, whose campaign committee took in slightly more than \$200,000, was individually responsible for \$140,000 of that total. By self-funding the majority of his campaign, Castelli had more campaign money than his six primary opponents combined. Taking advantage of the poorly funded, seven-way primary, Castelli managed to snag the nomination with a mere 36 percent of the vote.

► **Castelli’s Personal Financial Statement Was Filed Late And Appears To Contain Multiple Mistake And Misrepresentations:** Christian Castelli’s personal financial disclosure (PFD) statement was filed late and contains multiple entries that appear to be either fabricated, accidentally incorrect, or extremely unusual if they are indeed accurate. Castelli reported taking at least 20 percent of the reported value of his brokerage account and Roth IRA as income in a single year and he reported taking over \$30,000 in Social Security payments despite being more than ten years away from the earliest allowable age to claim such benefits. While it is unclear what the exact circumstances surrounding his personal finances are, his PFD is either incredibly sloppy or Castelli is making multiple extremely unusual and potentially worrisome financial moves.

Castelli’s PFD was originally due on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The day before it was due, Castelli requested an automatic 60-Day extension until February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Despite the two extra months, Castelli could still not be bothered to file on time and submitted his PFD late on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February.

In his “Schedule A: Assets and ‘Unearned’ Income” section, Castelli reported multiple confounding sources of income. His Ameritrade Brokerage Account had a reported value between \$250,001-\$500,000 yet provided him with between \$100,000-\$1,000,000 in income in the filing year and the preceding year. Assuming the account was worth the maximum he claimed, \$500,000, and he took the minimum \$100,000 in income each year, that would mean Castelli was withdrawing 20 percent of the value of his account each year, a highly unsustainable amount given the overall value of his assets, which was between \$965,005 and \$2,050,000 total. His Roth IRA, valued between \$100,000 and \$250,000, tells a similar story. He reported between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in income from the account, which would be a minimum withdrawal of 20 percent of the account, a highly unusual amount for a long-term investment like a Roth IRA. It is possible Castelli was confused and reported the amount that he added to each of these funds as income. If that was indeed the case, Castelli’s inability to file his PFD correctly and in a timely manner is unprofessional and troubling for a potential representative. It is also possible that Castelli withdrew a significant portion of these assets to finance his run for Congress, which he has put \$140,000 into.

Castelli also reported taking over \$30,000 in combined “earned income” from Social Security during the most recent two years. Castelli was born in May 1970, making him 51 at the time this disclosure was filed. However, the minimum age that one can start receiving their Social Security Retirement Benefits is 62, and that still comes with early withdrawal penalties. It is unclear whether Castelli actually received Social Security payments or if he reported another form of benefit or income as Social Security.

► **As Co-Founder And President Of Santec LLC, Castelli Claimed That His Company’s Waterless Toilet Would “Save Lives,” But He Quickly Drove The Company Into Bankruptcy, Leaving Nearly \$100,000 In Unpaid Debts To Others:** After retiring from the military, Christian Castelli was the co-founder and president of Santec LLC, a startup company trying to develop a waterless toilet. Formed in February 2013, Santec LLC received a \$619,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as a part of its “Reinvent The Toilet Challenge” and grant program. Castelli said his goal was to “revolutionize sanitation” and he highlighted the humanitarian and military applications for a cheap and waterless toilet. In November 2013, Castelli told the Associated Press that “at the end of the day, this will save lives.” Castelli ultimately ran the business into the ground, filed for bankruptcy, and left local businesses and individuals without payment for a variety of services.

Despite Castelli’s lofty aspirations and strong funding, Santec LLC never panned out. In October 2016, less than four years after incorporating and less than three after Castelli said it would “save lives,” Santec LLC filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy in North Carolina. According to the company’s bankruptcy petition, Santec had only \$1,292 in cash, a debt to asset ratio approaching seven to one, and over \$420,000 in claimed liabilities. After liquidating its assets, Santec was worth a mere \$10,292 and was left with just \$535 after paying auctioneer and administrative fees. The creditors left with nothing included multiple small business and individuals. Southern Pines Paint & Collision was denied \$76,650 in storage costs, Kate Kohler was denied \$10,500 in strategic consulting wages, and multiple others failed to receive a combined \$10,105 for rent, renewal services, and other unspecified expenses. Castelli received \$435.88 of Santec’s remaining money, just 1.3 percent of the \$324,161 he claimed the company

owed him. Castelli does not appear to have spoken about the company on record since its failure. While his campaign website vaguely mentions that he “started two small businesses” after leaving the military, there is no mention of Santec or its quick failure. It is also nowhere to be found on his LinkedIn page, which lists other roles before, during, and after his time at Santec.

► **Castelli Is A Strong Donald Trump Supporter Who Contributed To Trump’s Campaign And Threatened To Use His Congressional Seat To Prosecute Trump’s Political Opponents If Elected:** Despite his relative lack of public statements on Republican politicians, Christian Castelli is a strong supporter of former President Donald Trump and echoed Trump’s claim that he was “spied on” during the 2016 election. In addition to supporting Trump, Castelli even attended an event during the 2022 campaign at one of Trump’s golf clubs hosted by Eric and Lara Trump.

In September and October 2020, Castelli made two contributions to Trump’s campaign and to the Trump Make America Great Again Committee worth a combined \$135. In February 2022, Castelli shared an article from the GOP on Facebook titled “Hillary Clinton lied and Trump was right.” Castelli added the caption, “Somebody spied on Donald Trump while he was the sitting President and then invented a false narrative of Russian collusion. As your congressman, I’m going to set the record straight and see to it that the guilty parties are prosecuted for their treasonous actions.” Castelli’s declaration showed that, if elected, he would spend his time in office seeking revenge on Trump opponents through political prosecutions. Less than two weeks later, Castelli shared an image of him and his wife in formal attire with the caption, “Thank you to Eric and Laura Trump for hosting a wonderful dinner at Trump National in Briarcliff Manor, NY.”

Outside of himself, Castelli’s top donor and only max contributor is Tom Klingenstein. Klingenstein is a Trump-loving conspiracy theorist who said that calling January 6<sup>th</sup> an “insurrection” was a lie “peddled by the corporate media, corrupt politicians, and the Biden administration.” He believes we are in a “cold civil war” and argued that “Trump was born for the current American crisis: the life and death struggle against the totalitarian enemy I call ‘woke communism.’” Castelli has also taken up Trump’s mantra of election fraud. Though he does not appear to have spoken at length on the issue, Castelli’s website claims that he will “identify deficiencies” and “restore American confidence” in the electoral process. While he’s shared few of his own actual positions, his continued support for Trump and closeness with staunch Trump acolytes should give voters plenty of clues where he stands.

► **Castelli Was Endorsed By Corrupt Trump Allies, Including Former General/Trump Advisor And Admitted Criminal Michael Flynn & Disgraced Former Trump Cabinet Secretary Ryan Zinke:** During Castelli’s Republican primary, he was endorsed by a pair of corrupt Trump officials: disgraced former General Michael Flynn, and former Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. Flynn, a former Trump advisor, pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his communications with Russia while lobbying for a foreign government and was at the center of Robert Mueller’s Russia Probe. Zinke was found to have misused his position to advance a development project in his Montana hometown and was investigated for blocking a Native American casino expansion due to political pressure and lobbying from MGM resorts. Castelli’s association with these two deceitful and unethical Trump officials is an extremely troublesome development.

Michael Flynn lied to the FBI about his communications with the Russian Ambassador while he was lobbying on behalf of the Turkish government, a move that “undermined U.S. foreign policy after sanctions were imposed on Russia for interfering in our elections,” according to Representative Adam Schiff. Despite twice pleading guilty, he was later pardoned by President Trump. Colin Powell revealed in a hacked email that Flynn was ousted from the military for being abusive with his staff and said that Flynn had been “right-wing nutty ever since.” Among other mishaps, Flynn led a “lock her up” chant at the 2016 Republican National Convention and has found “himself embroiled in so many scandals that it’s hard to keep track.” Most recently, on June 28, 2022, Flynn testified during a House Committee hearing on the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection. When asked about whether or not the insurrection was justified, Flynn invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and refused to answer the question. When he was asked simply whether he believes in “the peaceful transition of power,” he again took the Fifth.



While serving as Trump’s Secretary of the Interior, Zinke was twice investigated by the department’s inspector general over ethics issues. One report found that he “misused his position to advance a development project in his Montana hometown and failed to disclose details of his involvement when questioned by ethics officials.” The report also determined that he “misused his authority to direct subordinates to help with the project.” Separately, Zinke was investigated by the same inspector general to determine “whether Zinke blocked a proposal from two Connecticut Native American tribes to expand a casino because of political pressure and lobbying from MGM resorts.”

► **Castelli Echoed An Antisemitic Trope, Claiming That Kathy Manning, Who Is Jewish, “Panders To The Jewish Community For Money, She Panders To The Minority Community For Votes”:** In a candidate forum video posted to Facebook, Castelli answered a question about Kathy Manning’s weaknesses by saying, “Well, you know, she – If I can say this for a moment without it being taken – She panders to the Jewish community for money, she panders to the minority community for votes.” Castelli’s suggestion that Manning, who is Jewish, relies on other Jews for money endorses a dangerous and long-running antisemitic trope. The website Jewish Learning states that “claims that Jews are wealthy... and that they exploit their economic advantages to help their own people” is a feature of “Economic anti-Semitism” and was “a major theme in Hitler’s war against European Jews.” Castelli, in no uncertain terms, specifically labels Jews as a financial engine for Manning’s campaign. His antisemitic rhetoric is indicative of the awful and misguided ideas behind his campaign and belong nowhere in America, much less in the halls of Congress.

► **Castelli Believes That Life Begins At Conception And Pledged To “Protect The Unborn From Conception To Birth,” Implying He Would Support A Total Ban On Abortion Under Any Circumstance:** During his campaign for Congress, Castelli revealed his extreme views on abortion that would, if enacted, restrict access to life-saving medical care and endanger tens of thousands of women in North Carolina each year. Castelli argued that life begins at conception and pledged to “protect the unborn from conception to birth,” effectively signaling that he does not believe in abortion under any circumstance. While he has not explicitly stated as such, this logically means he would likely support a total ban on abortion. He called abortion an “immoral practice” and promised to fight against any taxpayer funding for abortions or Planned Parenthood. Castelli’s radical views are dangerous and unpopular. Only 10 percent of North Carolina voters supported a complete ban on abortion in a recent poll. If one were to be enacted, it could directly affect more than 30,000 women each year, according to figures from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

► **Castelli Received The Highest Possible Rating From The NRA And Pledged To “Always Support And Defend” Gun Rights:** In May 2022, Castelli celebrated his “Aq” rating from the NRA, the highest possible rating a candidate can receive without a voting record. The NRA Political Victory Fund, which assigns grades to candidates, issues a questionnaire asking about their stance on a variety of gun-related questions. Receiving the highest possible score for a candidate with no voting record would imply that Castelli answered all or almost all of the questions by taking the more pro-gun position. The 2022 North Carolina Candidate Questionnaire, which may be slightly different than the Congressional Questionnaire, asks if candidates support raising the age for purchasing rifles and shotguns to 21, if they support mandatory waiting periods before receiving a purchased firearm, if they support repealing the license requirement for a concealed firearm, and if they support expanding background checks to include private gun sales or transfers. While we do not have access to Castelli’s direct answers to these questions, it is unlikely he supported any of the aforementioned gun control measures given that his NRA rating was the highest he was eligible for. He has also pledged to “always support and defend your right to gun ownership” and revealed that he was a Life Member of the NRA. Castelli’s dangerous commitment to gun rights and likely opposition to basic gun control measures would make preventable gun deaths more likely if he were elected.

► **Castelli Supported Building A Border Wall With Mexico And Echoed Debunked Conspiracy Theories About Undocumented Immigrants:** On immigration, Castelli has parroted debunked talking points and supported completing the border wall with Mexico that Trump has long advocated for. His campaign website said he would

“demand we secure the border to stop the mass migration of unvetted illegals from crossing our border” and claimed that such immigrants were being “secretly dispersed under the cover of darkness throughout America.” Politifact rated a nearly identical claim as “Mostly False,” saying that such flights were routine, happened during the Trump administration as well, and were not covert, even if some took place at night. Castelli’s support for ineffective solutions like a border wall and subscription to debunked conspiracies is another example of his inexperience and questionable judgement.

► **Castelli’s Support For School Choice And Opposition To Critical Race Theory As “Political Indoctrination” Would Wreak Havoc On North Carolina’s Public Schools And Students:** Castelli’s support for “school choice” programs and his opposition to “Critical Race Theory” would continue to harm North Carolina’s “woefully underfunded” public education system. Castelli’s website states, “I support school choice because parents know what’s best for their children.” However, North Carolina’s “school choice” voucher program has cost the state upwards of \$150 million since its inception in 2013. As the Charlotte Observer Editorial Board noted in 2021, those “millions of taxpayer dollars are siphoned into private schools that teach through a ‘biblical worldview’ and discriminate against LGBTQ+ people.” Castelli also opposed Critical Race Theory, calling it “political indoctrination.”

# Key Vulnerabilities

## **Castelli Lives Nearly 70 Miles From The Sixth District And Lied To Voters About The Number Of Representatives That Live Outside Their District**

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*In a Facebook post the following week responding to attacks about where he lived, Castelli brought out a number of excuses. He began by claiming that it was totally legal for him to represent the district without living there. He then blamed redistricting for the confusion and argued that his address was in the 6<sup>th</sup> District in "years past," before being redistricted. He also argued that he originally chose his address to be nearer to VA facilities because he had suffered significant injuries in combat. Yet, despite all the reasons why he didn't live in the 6<sup>th</sup> District and his insistence that he didn't need to, Castelli said he planned to move there anyway if he won the Republican primary and claimed he had already put his house on the market. Castelli has since won the Republican primary and placed one of his three out-of-district properties on the market, but as of June 2022 there is no record of him selling his old home, buying a new one, or otherwise moving into the district. As of July 2022, Castelli is not eligible to vote for himself in November.*

### **Castelli Does Not Live In The 6<sup>th</sup> District, Where He Is Running For Congress**

#### **Castelli Lived Nearly 70 Miles From The Border Of The 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

**According To Google Maps, Castelli's Hometown Of Southern Pines Is Nearly 70 Miles From Coltranes Mill, A Town On The Nearest Border Of The 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** According to Google Maps, the drive from Southern Pines to Coltranes Mill is over 68 miles. [Google Maps, accessed [6/29/22](#)]

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YOUR JURISDICTIONS	
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<b>Superior Court:</b>	19D SUPERIOR COURT
<b>Judicial:</b>	19D JUDICIAL
<b>Prosecutorial:</b>	29TH PROSECUTORIAL
<b>County Commissioner:</b>	COMMISSIONER IV
<b>Municipality:</b>	SOUTHERN PINES
<b>Township:</b>	SANDHILL
<b>School:</b>	SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT V

[NC State Board of Elections, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

**Castelli Originally Filed in the 7<sup>th</sup> District Before Changing To The 6<sup>th</sup> District**

**November 2021: Castelli Filed To Become A Candidate For The North Carolina 7<sup>th</sup> District Congressional**

**Seat.** The News & Observer reported, “UPDATE: Filing resumed in February. Go here to see our list of candidates who have filed. The required redrawing of North Carolina’s congressional map in advance of the 2022 elections was destined to create excitement among incumbents and potential candidates. And it has lived up to that expectation since state lawmakers finalized the 14-seat congressional maps on Nov. 4. [...] Here is a list of candidates: [...] District 7 Counties: Lee, Chatham, Alamance, Randolph, and parts of Davidson, Guilford and Wake. Incumbent: None. Republicans: Bo Hines, Kent Keirse, Jennyfer Bucardo, Lee Haywood, Christian Castelli, Peter Boykin, Marvin Boguslawski, Chad Slotta. Democrats: Kyle Parrish, Crystal Cavalier.” [The News & Observer, 11/13/21]

**As Of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Castelli Had Raised \$146,022 For His Campaign For The 7<sup>th</sup> District Seat In Congress.** The McClatchy Washington Bureau reported, “4. Since November, Walker wrestled with whether he should switch from the U.S. Senate race to campaign in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. He finally made a decision last week to stick with the Senate race. Had he switched, he still would have been outraised by his opponents. In the 7<sup>th</sup> district, Chad Slotta raised \$238,306 and Bo Hines, who is endorsed by U.S. Rep. Madison Cawthorn, raised \$188,403. Christian Castelli nearly matched Walker, raising \$146,022.” [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 1/31/22]

**February 2022: Castelli Was Listed As A Candidate For The District 6 Congressional Seat.** The News & Observer reported, “North Carolina voters now know whose names will appear on their ballots in the 2022 election. At noon Friday, the North Carolina Board of Elections ended the state’s filing period that began on Feb. 24 with more than 100 candidates signed up to run for the state’s 14 congressional seats. [...] DISTRICT 6 Counties: Guilford, Rockingham and parts of Caswell and Forsyth. Constituents’ political leaning: Democrat Incumbent: Kathy Manning Democrats: Manning Republicans: Bill Schuch, Laura Pichardo, Gerry Austin, Marvin Boguslawski, Lee Haywood, Christian Castelli and Mary Ann Contogiannis” [The News & Observer, 2/19/22]

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**Castelli Said It Was A “Fact” That 25 Percent of Congresspeople Live Outside Their District**

**Castelli, The Only 6<sup>th</sup> District Candidate Not To Live In The District, Falsely Claimed It Was A “Fact” That 25 Percent Of Congresspeople Lived Outside Their District And Failed To Cite Any Published Study When Asked Where To Support His Claim.** According to a segment on WXII 12 News, “[Anchor] Christian Castelli has more campaign money than his six opponents combined. His latest fundraising support shows he has more than \$200,000, but most of that money comes from himself in the form of loans. Castelli is the only candidate in this

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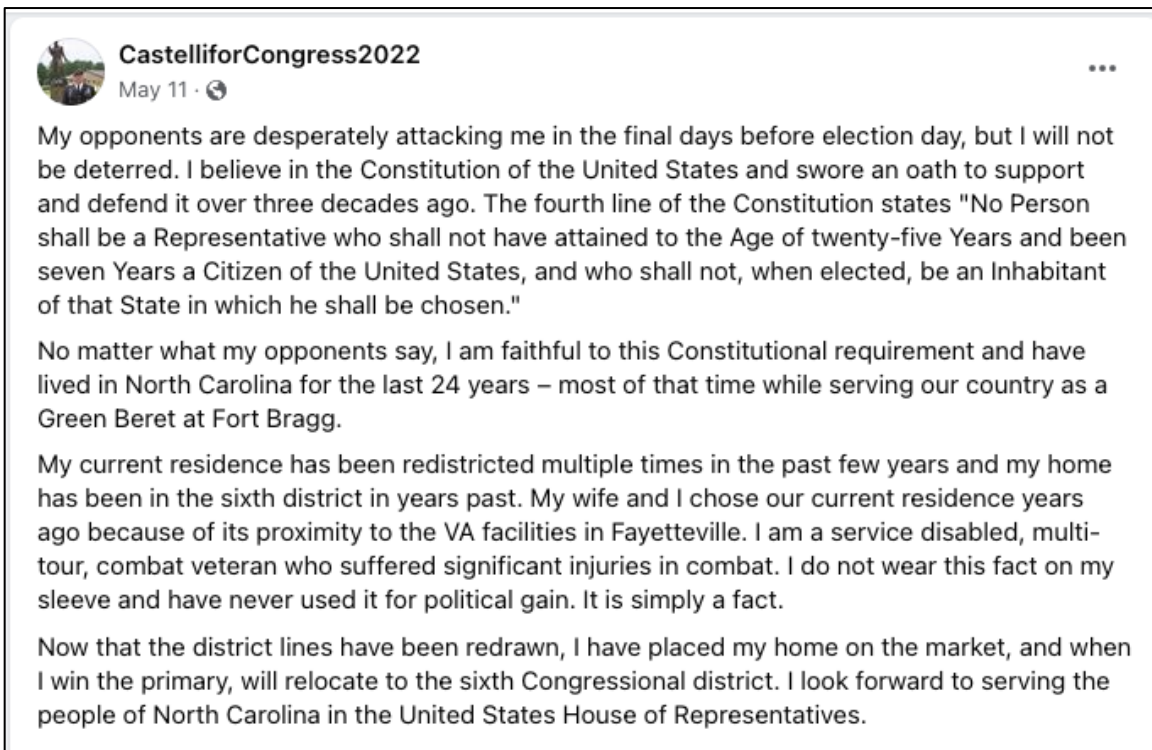
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**May 2022: Castelli Argued That Even Though He Didn’t Currently Live In The 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, He Met The Constitutional Requirements To Serve And Pledged To Move Into The 6<sup>th</sup> District After Winning The Republican Primary.** According to a Facebook post by Castelli, “My opponents are desperately attacking me in the final days before election day, but I will not be deterred. I believe in the Constitution of the United States and swore an oath to support and defend it over three decades ago. The fourth line of the Constitution states ‘No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty-five Years and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.’ No matter what my opponents say, I am faithful to this Constitutional requirement and have lived in North Carolina for the last 24 years – most of that time while serving our country as a Green Beret at Fort Bragg. My current residence has been redistricted multiple times in the past few years and my home has been in the sixth district in years past. My wife and I chose our current residence years ago because of its proximity to the VA facilities in Fayetteville. I am a service disabled, multi-tour, combat veteran who suffered significant injuries in combat. I do not wear this fact on my sleeve and have never used it for political gain. It is simply a fact. Now that the district lines have been redrawn, I have placed my home on the market, and when I win the primary, will relocate to the sixth Congressional district. I look forward to serving the people of North Carolina in the United States House of Representatives.” [Facebook, CastelliForCongress2022, [5/11/22](#)]





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**According to Zillow, Castelli’s Property At 680 N Bethesda Rd., Southern Pines, Is For Sale And Has Been Since April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** [Zillow, accessed [6/30/22](#)]

**\$1,465,000** 6 bd | 5 ba | 5,050 sqft  
680 N Bethesda Road, Southern Pines, NC 28387  
Est. payment: \$7,712/mo [Get pre-qualified](#)

[Request a tour](#)  
as early as tomorrow at 9:00 am

[Contact agent](#)

[Home value](#) [Price and tax history](#) [Monthly cost](#) [Down paym](#)

Date	Event	Price	
5/24/2022	Price change	\$1,465,000	\$290/sqft (-0.7%)
Source:  NCRMLS #100322061 Report			
4/13/2022	Listed for sale	\$1,475,000	\$292/sqft (+53.8%)
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[Zillow, accessed [6/30/22](#)]

## Castelli Does Not Year Appear To Have Bought A New Home, Sold His Old One, Or To Have Moved Into The 6<sup>th</sup> District

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**A Search For Christian Castelli In The Guilford County Real Property Database Yielded No Results.** [Guilford County Real Property Search, accessed [6/30/22](#)]

**A Search For Christian Castelli In The Forsyth County Real Estate Look Up Yielded No Results.** [Forsyth County Register Of Deeds, accessed [6/30/22](#)]

**Zillow Lists Castelli’s Property At 220 Ridgeview Rd., Southern Pines, As “Off Market.”** [Zillow, accessed [6/30/22](#)]

5 bd | 4 ba | 4,500 sqft

220 Ridgeview Rd, Southern Pines, NC 28387

● **Off market** | Zestimate®: **\$872,600** | Rent Zestimate®: **\$3,183**

**Zillow Does Not List Castelli’s Property At 15 Water Thrush Ct, Southport, As “For Sale” Because It Was Recently Purchased By Castelli In 2021.** [Zillow, accessed [6/30/22](#)]

3 bd | 3 ba | 2,419 sqft

15 Water Thrush Ct, Southport, NC 28461

● **Sold: \$690,000** | Sold on 03/26/21 | Zestimate®: **\$930,300**

Est. refi payment: \$3,619/mo [Refinance your loan](#)

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### Price and tax history

#### Price history

Date	Event	Price	
3/26/2021	Sold	\$690,000 (-6.1%)	\$285/sqft

Source: Public Record Report

[Zillow, accessed [6/30/22](#)]

**Southern Pines Is In The 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Of North Carolina.** According to the NC General Assembly, Southern Pines is in the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [NC General Assembly Congressional District Plan, accessed [6/29/22](#)]

## **Castelli Is An Inexperienced Politician From Another District Who Outspent His Opponents Combined And Bought The Republican Nomination**

*Christian Castelli's 2022 run for Congress is his first ever foray into politics. Despite his lack of any political experience whatsoever, Castelli has been reluctant to engage with voters and the media. Instead of addressing his inexperience and learning about issues important to the district he doesn't live in, Castelli hid behind his personal wealth in a seven-way primary to buy the Republican nomination.*

*Of the seven candidates who partook in the 6<sup>th</sup> District Republican primary, Castelli is the only one who lives outside the district. Yet, despite living over 60 miles from the nearest primary voter and having no history running for or holding office, Castelli made little effort to get to know the people he is running to represent. Castelli was one of only two candidates who did not fill out a questionnaire about his personal history and vision for the district. Castelli's social media profiles and campaign website make little to no mention of campaign events or opportunities for voters to get to know Castelli, and he is reticent to share his political opinions in great detail. In lieu of such traditional campaigning tactics, Castelli opted to buy the Republican nomination with his own money. Castelli, whose campaign committee took in slightly more than \$200,000, was individually responsible for \$140,000 of that total. By self-funding the majority of his campaign, Castelli had more campaign money than his six primary opponents combined. Taking advantage of the poorly funded, seven-way primary, Castelli managed to snag the nomination with a mere 36 percent of the vote.*

## **As A Political Newcomer Who Lived Outside The Sixth District, Castelli Avoided The Press And Bought The Republican Nomination With His Own Money**

### **Castelli's Run For Congress Was His First Foray Into Politics**

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## **Castelli Was The Only Primary Candidate Who Did Not Live In The Sixth Congressional District**

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YOUR JURISDICTIONS	
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<b>Congress:</b>	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 9
<b>NC Senate:</b>	NC SENATE DISTRICT 21
<b>NC House:</b>	NC HOUSE DISTRICT 52
<b>Superior Court:</b>	19D SUPERIOR COURT
<b>Judicial:</b>	19D JUDICIAL
<b>Prosecutorial:</b>	29TH PROSECUTORIAL
<b>County Commissioner:</b>	COMMISSIONER IV
<b>Municipality:</b>	SOUTHERN PINES
<b>Township:</b>	SANDHILL
<b>School:</b>	SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT V

[NC State Board of Elections, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

### ***Castelli Was The Only Candidate Who Did Not Live In The Sixth Congressional District***

**Castelli Did Not Live In The 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** Fox 8 WGHP reported, “Incumbents Kathy Manning (D-Greensboro) in the 6<sup>th</sup>, Virginia Foxx (R-Banner Elk) in the 5<sup>th</sup>, Dan Bishop (R-Charlotte) in the 8<sup>th</sup> and Richard Hudson (R-Concord) in the 9<sup>th</sup> are well-funded for November. Manning and her challengers Manning, unchallenged in the primary as she seeks her second term, reports having taken in \$367,688 in the first quarter and having \$1,236,184 cash on hand. But Republicans are targeting this race this year as a potential flip because the district now includes Rockingham County (a GOP stronghold), almost all of Caswell County and less of Forsyth County (where Winston-Salem is a Democratic stronghold). Still among the seven Republicans who have filed to challenge Manning, only Christian Castelli, who doesn’t live in the district, has generated anything close to substantial donations, reporting \$204,497 in receipts and about \$144,621 cash on hand. Castelli, a retired military officer and business owner who lives in Southern Pines and lists his campaign office as in Asheboro, had filed for Congress under the maps originally approved by the General Assembly. He switched districts in February, and he reported \$58,475 in contributions for the quarter, although roughly a third of that (\$19,000) came from a loan he personally guaranteed.” [Fox 8 WGHP, 4/18/22]

- **Fox 8 WGHP: “Castelli... Is The Only Candidate Who Is Not A Resident Of The District – Not Required By Law In Congressional Races But Generally Preferred By Candidates – And Is One Of Numerous GOP Candidates This Year Who Are Running Out Of Their Residential Districts.”** Fox 8 WGHP

reported, “WGHP reached out to all seven candidates with a series of questions designed to give you insights into their personal histories and visions. All but two submitted answers. Those who didn’t, Castelli and Schuch, did not reply to a series of email prompts and did not answer a question about whether their campaigns remained active. Castelli is the more curious of these. He had filed to run for Congress under the General Assembly’s first map and filed in the 6<sup>th</sup> when those lines were final in February. He is the only candidate who is not a resident of the district – not required by law in congressional races but generally preferred by candidates – and is one of numerous GOP candidates this year who are running out of their residential districts. Castelli’s campaign, though, also has more cash on hand -- \$144,621 as of March 31 – than all the other candidates combined. But a chunk of that has been from personal loans totaling \$140,000 to his campaign. He did list about \$65,000 in donations for the first quarter of the year, but \$19,000 of that was a personal loan.” [Fox 8 WGHP, 5/2/22]

**According To Google Maps, Castelli’s Hometown Of Southern Pines Is Nearly 70 Miles From Coltranes Mill, A Town On The Nearest Border Of The 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** According to Google Maps, the drive from Southern Pines to Coltranes Mill is over 68 miles. [Google Maps, accessed [6/29/22](#)]

## **Castelli, Who Self-Funded The Majority Of His Campaign, Had More Campaign Money Than His Six Primary Opponents Combined**

**WXII 12 News: “Christian Castelli Has More Campaign Money Than His Six Opponents Combined. His Latest Fundraising Support Shows He Has More Than \$200,000, But Most Of That Money Comes From Himself In The Form Of Loans.”** According to a segment on WXII 12 News, “[Anchor] Christian Castelli has more campaign money than his six opponents combined. His latest fundraising support shows he has more than \$200,000, but most of that money comes from himself in the form of loans. Castelli is the only candidate in this race who doesn’t live in the 6<sup>th</sup> district. [Castelli] “No, I don’t think its an issue. Once I explain to them that you don’t have to- most people don’t know what the rules are. And so, when you explain that, the fact that 25% of the people in congress don’t live in the district they represent, that’s a nice fact that most people are unaware of.” [Anchor] WXII 12 News found no evidence supporting Castelli’s claim that 25% of congressional representatives don’t live in the district they represent. The most recent study found 21 members of congress, less than five percent, live outside their district. [Castelli] “Half the folks don’t even know what district they’re in right now because of redistricting.” [Anchor] Mr Castelli said his claim about 25% of congressmen living outside their district came from someone he knows, not a published study... Mr. Castelli says he live in Moore county but plans to move into the 6<sup>th</sup> district if he wins the primary.” [YouTube, WXII 12 News, 1:25-3:04, [5/5/22](#)]

### **Castelli Contributed \$140,000 To His Own Campaign**

**Castelli Contributed At Least \$140,000 To His Own Campaign For Congress Since 2021.** [Ante, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/22/22](#)]

<b>Robert Castelli Self Contributions</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI	2022-03-31	\$19,000.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI	2021-12-29	\$11,000.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI	2021-12-28	\$100,000.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI	2021-12-13	\$10,000.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$140,000.00</b>

## **Castelli Narrowly Won The Republican Primary With 36 Percent Of The Vote, Beating Out Lee Haywood With 34 Percent**

**May 2022: Castelli Won The Republican Primary For The 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District With 36 Percent Of The Vote, Beating Lee Haywood With Nearly 34 Percent And Five Other Candidates.** Fox 8 WGHP reported, “Christian Castelli, of Southern Pines, nosed out Summerfield resident Lee Haywood by just more than 1,000 votes to win a 7-person Republican race on Tuesday night to take on Rep. Kathy Manning (D-Greensboro) in the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [...] Castelli, who raised the most money in the race after changing districts to run away from his residence, earned around 36% of the vote to defeat Haywood, a long-time Republican activist and nominee in 2018, who had just less than 34%. [...] Castelli didn’t respond to an email seeking his reaction to the apparent victory. He also didn’t respond when WGHP reached out to all seven candidates with a series of questions earlier this spring. designed to give you insights into their personal histories and visions. But Castelli was one of two who didn’t respond.” [Fox 8 WGHP, 5/18/22]

- **Fox 8 WGHP: “Castelli Didn’t Respond To An Email Seeking His Reaction To The Apparent Victory. He Also Didn’t Respond When WGHP Reached Out To All Seven Candidates With A Series Of Questions Earlier This Spring. Designed To Give You Insights Into Their Personal Histories And Visions.”** Fox 8 WGHP reported, “Christian Castelli, of Southern Pines, nosed out Summerfield resident Lee Haywood by just more than 1,000 votes to win a 7-person Republican race on Tuesday night to take on Rep. Kathy Manning (D-Greensboro) in the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [...] Castelli, who raised the most money in the race after changing districts to run away from his residence, earned around 36% of the vote to defeat Haywood, a long-time Republican activist and nominee in 2018, who had just less than 34%. [...] Castelli didn’t respond to an email seeking his reaction to the apparent victory. He also didn’t respond when WGHP reached out to all seven candidates with a series of questions earlier this spring. designed to give you insights into their personal histories and visions. But Castelli was one of two who didn’t respond.” [Fox 8 WGHP, 5/18/22]

## **Castelli's Personal Financial Statement Was Filed Late And Appears To Contain Multiple Mistake And Misrepresentations**

*Christian Castelli's personal financial disclosure (PFD) statement was filed late and contains multiple entries that appear to be either fabricated, accidentally incorrect, or extremely unusual if they are indeed accurate. Castelli reported taking at least 20 percent of the reported value of his brokerage account and Roth IRA as income in a single year and he reported taking over \$30,000 in Social Security payments despite being more than ten years away from the earliest allowable age to claim such benefits. While it is unclear what the exact circumstances surrounding his personal finances are, his PFD is either incredibly sloppy or Castelli is making multiple extremely unusual and potentially worrisome financial moves.*

*Castelli's PFD was originally due on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The day before it was due, Castelli requested an automatic 60-Day extension until February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Despite the two extra months, Castelli could still not be bothered to file on time and submitted his PFD late on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February.*

*In his "Schedule A: Assets and 'Unearned' Income" section, Castelli reported multiple confounding sources of income. His Ameritrade Brokerage Account had a reported value between \$250,001-\$500,000 yet provided him with between \$100,000-\$1,000,000 in income in the filing year and the preceding year. Assuming the account was worth the maximum he claimed, \$500,000, and he took the minimum \$100,000 in income each year, that would mean Castelli was withdrawing 20 percent of the value of his account each year, a highly unsustainable amount given the overall value of his assets, which was between \$965,005 and \$2,050,000 total. His Roth IRA, valued between \$100,000 and \$250,000, tells a similar story. He reported between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in income from the account, which would be a minimum withdrawal of 20 percent of the account, a highly unusual amount for a long-term investment like a Roth IRA. It is possible Castelli was confused and reported the amount that he added to each of these funds as income. If that was indeed the case, Castelli's inability to file his PFD correctly and in a timely manner is unprofessional and troubling for a potential representative. It is also possible that Castelli withdrew a significant portion of these assets to finance his run for Congress, which he has put \$140,000 into.*

*Castelli also reported taking over \$30,000 in combined "earned income" from Social Security during the most recent two years. Castelli was born in May 1970, making him 51 at the time this disclosure was filed. However, the minimum age that one can start receiving their Social Security Retirement Benefits is 62, and that still comes with early withdrawal penalties. It is unclear whether Castelli actually received Social Security payments or if he reported another form of benefit or income as Social Security.*

### **Castelli Filed His Personal Financial Disclosure Late Despite Requesting A Two Month Extension**

### **Castelli Filed His Personal Financial Disclosure On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Robert Christian Castelli Filed A Financial Disclosure Report For His Congressional Race On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]





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## FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

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### FILER INFORMATION

**Name:** Robert Christian Castelli  
**Status:** Congressional Candidate  
**State/District:** NC07

### FILING INFORMATION

**Filing Type:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2021  
**Filing Date:** 02/14/2022

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

## Castelli Requested A 60-Day Extension To File His Personal Financial Disclosure On February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Instead Of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Castelli Requested A 60-Day Extension To File His Personal Financial Disclosure On February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Instead Of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. [United States House of representatives, Financial Disclosure Extension Request, filed [12/14/21](#)]



Filing ID #300

## FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE EXTENSION REQUEST

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Candidates who are required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement (FD) under the Ethics in Government Act are permitted by federal law to request an extension of up to 90 days, but in all cases, the extension must result in a due date that is at least 30 days before an election in which they are a candidate. Filers may request an extension for their FD by filing this form **on or before** the applicable filing deadline. An FD filed under such an extension is not considered late. However, by law, an individual who files a report more than 30 days after it is due without having received an extension must pay a \$200 late filing fee.

### FILER INFORMATION

**Name:** Robert Christian Castelli  
**Status:** Congressional Candidate  
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### EXTENSION REQUEST DETAILS

**Request Date:** 12/14/2021  
**Extension Length:** 60 days  
**New Due Date:** 02/13/2022  
**Report Type Due:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2021  
**Original Due Date:** 12/15/2021

[United States House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Extension Request, filed [12/14/21](#)]

## Castelli's 2021 Congressional Candidate Reported Income From His Brokerage Account And Roth IRA That Were Between 20 And 200 Percent Of Their Reported Value

### Castelli Reported Earning Between \$100,000 And \$1,000,000 In Income His Ameritrade Brokerage Account, Which Was Worth Between \$250,000 And \$500,000

Castelli Reported Earning Between \$100,000 And \$1,000,000 In Income In The Current And Previous Year From His Ameritrade Brokerage Account, Which Was Worth Between \$250,000 And \$500,000. [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

#### SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME

Asset	Owner Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income Current Year to Filing	Income Preceding Year
Ameritrade Brokerage account ⇒ Ameritrade Brokerage account [OT]  DESCRIPTION: Ameritrade	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Ameritrade	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000
Orbits [OT]  DESCRIPTION: Sharon's NC teacher retirement	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Retirement	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
Rental Property [RP]  LOCATION: Southern Pines, NC, US DESCRIPTION: Rental Property	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
Roth IRA [OT]  DESCRIPTION: Roth IRA	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Roth IRA	\$50,001 - \$100,000	None
TSP [PE]  DESCRIPTION: Government Retirement	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Investments	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

Castelli Reported A Schedule A Asset Class Detail Regarding His Ameritrade Brokerage Account With A Label That It Had "(100% Interest)." [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

**SCHEDULE A ASSET CLASS DETAILS**

- Ameritrade Brokerage account (100% Interest)  
 LOCATION: US  
 DESCRIPTION: Ameritrade brokerage account

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

**Castelli Reported Earning Between \$50,000 And \$100,000 In The Current And Previous Year From His Roth IRA Account, Which Was Valued Between \$100,000 And \$250,000**

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Orbits [OT] DESCRIPTION: Sharon's NC teacher retirement		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Retirement	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
Rental Property [RP] LOCATION: Southern Pines, NC, US DESCRIPTION: Rental Property		\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
Roth IRA [OT] DESCRIPTION: Roth IRA		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Roth IRA	\$50,001 - \$100,000	None
TSP [PE] DESCRIPTION: Government Retirement		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Investments	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

**Castelli Contributed \$140,000 To His Own Campaign In 2021 And 2022**

Castelli Contributed At Least \$140,000 To His Own Campaign For Congress Since 2021. [Ante, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/22/22](#)]

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<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$140,000.00</b>

[Ante, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/22/22](#)]

### **Castelli Reported That He Had Taken Over \$30,000 In Social Security Payments Despite Being Nearly 10 Years Too Young To Collect Social Security Benefits**

### **Castelli Reported That He Earned \$27,876 The Preceding Year And \$2,448 In The First Months Of The Current Year In Social Security Payments.**

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<b>SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME</b>			
<b>Source</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount Current Year to Filing</b>	<b>Amount Preceding Year</b>
Sharon Castelli	Spouse salary	\$9,266.67	\$113,036.25
United States Army	Retirement	\$4,401.00	\$52,200.17
Global Security Resources	Spouse salary	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
SOC SEC	SOC SEC	\$2,448.00	\$27,876.00

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

### **Christian Castelli Was Born In May 1970 And Was Age 52 As Of June 2022**

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## **People Cannot Start Receiving Their Social Security Retirement Benefits Until Age 62 At The Earliest**

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**According To The Social Security Administration, You Can “Start Receiving Your Social Security Retirement Benefits As Early As Age 62.”** According to the Social Security Administration’s Website, “You can start receiving your Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62. However, you are entitled to full benefits when you reach your full retirement age. If you delay taking your benefits from your full retirement age up to age 70, your benefit amount will increase.” [Social Security Administration, accessed [6/29/22](#)]

## **As Co-Founder And President Of Santec LLC, Castelli Claimed That His Company's Waterless Toilet Would "Save Lives," But He Quickly Drove It Into Bankruptcy, Leaving Nearly \$100,000 In Unpaid Debts To Others**

*After retiring from the military, Christian Castelli was the co-founder and president of Santec LLC, a startup company trying to develop a waterless toilet. Formed in February 2013, Santec LLC received a \$619,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as a part of its "Reinvent The Toilet Challenge" and grant program. Castelli said his goal was to "revolutionize sanitation" and he highlighted the humanitarian and military applications for a cheap and waterless toilet. In November 2013, Castelli told the Associated Press that "at the end of the day, this will save lives." Castelli ultimately ran the business into the ground, filed for bankruptcy, and left local businesses and individuals without payment for a variety of services.*

*Despite Castelli's lofty aspirations and strong funding, Santec LLC never panned out. In October 2016, less than four years after incorporating and less than three after Castelli said it would "save lives," Santec LLC filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy in North Carolina. According to the company's bankruptcy petition, Santec had only \$1,292 in cash, a debt to asset ratio approaching seven to one, and over \$420,000 in claimed liabilities. After liquidating its assets, Santec was worth a mere \$10,292 and was left with just \$535 after paying auctioneer and administrative fees. The creditors left with nothing included multiple small business and individuals. Southern Pines Paint & Collision was denied \$76,650 in storage costs, Kate Kohler was denied \$10,500 in strategic consulting wages, and multiple others failed to receive a combined \$10,105 for rent, renewal services, and other unspecified expenses. Castelli received \$435.88 of Santec's remaining money, just 1.3 percent of the \$324,161 he claimed the company owed him. Castelli does not appear to have spoken about the company on record since its failure. While his campaign website vaguely mentions that he "started two small businesses" after leaving the military, there is no mention of Santec or its quick failure. It is also nowhere to be found on his LinkedIn page, which lists other roles before, during, and after his time at Santec.*

### **Castelli Was The Co-Founder And President Of Santec LLC, A Company Trying To Reinvent The Toilet Using A Grant From The Bill And Melinda Gates Foundation**

### **Castelli Was The Co-Founder And President Of Santec LLC, A Startup Trying To Develop A Waterless Toilet Using A \$619,000 Grant From The Bill And Melinda Gates Foundation**

**November 2013: Castelli Was The President Of Santec LLC, A Startup Company Trying To Develop A Waterless Toilet That Could Dry Solid Waste Into A Biofuel Or Agricultural Material.** The Associated Press reported, "At 33, Heather Deal already has founded two Newburgh startup companies, which she heads as the chief executive officer, and one of those companies is hard at work developing a waterless toilet with backing from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Santec LLC received a \$619,000 Reinvent the Toilet Challenge Grant from the Gates Foundation's water, sanitation and hygiene program. 'Our core mission in Santec is providing viable technology options to provide water, hygiene and sanitation solutions to the geographical world areas that lack these vital basics,' Deal, a University of Southern Indiana graduate in public relations, told the Evansville Courier & Press. [...] The projects will be displayed at a Reinvent the Toilet Challenge Fair in New Delhi in March 2014. The projects will be rated and the leaders may receive more grant funding, Deal said. Santec's development aims to dry solid waste into a safe-to-handle potential biofuel or agriculture material and to capture and recycle water energy and other resources. 'At the end of the day, this will save lives,' said Robert 'Chris' Castelli, Santec president. Engineering designs will be made available to Gates Foundation officials and investors for possible manufacturing and commercialization." [Associated Press, 11/6/13]

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**Castelli Was A Co-Founder And President Of Santec.** The Pilot reported, “Santec was one of 18 grant recipients in the foundation’s Reinvent the Toilet Challenge, which supports efforts to create a stand-alone sanitation unit that does not require piped-in water, a sewer connection or outside electricity to operate. To qualify, the toilet units must cost no more than 5 cents per person per day and be easy to install, use and maintain. ‘This is an opportunity to revolutionize sanitation the world over,’ said Robert Castelli, a co-founder of Santec who serves as president from the company’s Southern Pines office. ‘Our technology has been vetted by a team of scientists at the Gates Foundation. It’s exciting for us. We’re happy to be part of the solution.’ [...] Santec’s design will accomplish three primary functions: distillate liquid waste, dry solid waste into a safe-to-handle potential biofuel or agricultural material, and include innovations to improve operational utility, energy efficiency and cost.” [The Pilot, 5/20/13]

**May 2013: Santec Was One Of 18 Grant Recipients Of The Reinvent The Toilet Challenge, Whose Goal Was To Create A Toilet That “Must Cost No More Than 5 Cents Per Person Per Day And Be Easy To Install, Use And Maintain.”** The Pilot reported, “Santec was one of 18 grant recipients in the foundation’s Reinvent the Toilet Challenge, which supports efforts to create a stand-alone sanitation unit that does not require piped-in water, a sewer connection or outside electricity to operate. To qualify, the toilet units must cost no more than 5 cents per person per day and be easy to install, use and maintain. ‘This is an opportunity to revolutionize sanitation the world over,’ said Robert Castelli, a co-founder of Santec who serves as president from the company’s Southern Pines office. ‘Our technology has been vetted by a team of scientists at the Gates Foundation. It’s exciting for us. We’re happy to be part of the solution.’ [...] Santec’s design will accomplish three primary functions: distillate liquid waste, dry solid waste into a safe-to-handle potential biofuel or agricultural material, and include innovations to improve operational utility, energy efficiency and cost.” [The Pilot, 5/20/13]

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## **Castelli Said That Santec LLC Would “Save Lives”**

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**Castelli: “At The End Of The Day, This Will Save Lives.”** The Associated Press reported, “At 33, Heather Deal already has founded two Newburgh startup companies, which she heads as the chief executive officer, and one of those companies is hard at work developing a waterless toilet with backing from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Santec LLC received a \$619,000 Reinvent the Toilet Challenge Grant from the Gates Foundation’s water, sanitation and hygiene program. ‘Our core mission in Santec is providing viable technology options to provide water, hygiene and sanitation solutions to the geographical world areas that lack these vital basics,’ Deal, a University of Southern Indiana graduate in public relations, told the Evansville Courier & Press. [...] The projects will be displayed at a Reinvent the Toilet Challenge Fair in New Delhi in March 2014. The projects will be rated and the leaders may receive more grant funding, Deal said. Santec’s development aims to dry solid waste into a safe-to-handle potential biofuel or agriculture material and to capture and recycle water energy and other resources. ‘At the end of the day, this will save lives,’ said Robert ‘Chris’ Castelli, Santec president. Engineering designs will be made available to Gates Foundation officials and investors for possible manufacturing and commercialization.” [Associated Press, 11/6/13]

## **Santec Filed For Chapter 7 Bankruptcy In 2016, Less Than Four Years After It Was Incorporated**

### **Santec LLC Was Incorporated In February 2013**

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**Santec LLC, AKA Sanitation Technology LLC, Was Registered In North Carolina From February 2013 Until It Was Withdrawn In October 2016.** [OpenCorporates, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

- **Robert Castelli Was Formerly A Registered Member/Manager Of Santec LLC.** [OpenCorporates, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

## Sanitation Technology LLC BRANCH

**Company Number** 1301716  
**Status** Withdrawn  
**Incorporation Date** 12 February 2013 (over 9 years ago)  
**Company Type** Limited Liability Company - Foreign  
**Jurisdiction** North Carolina (US)  
**Branch** Branch of [SANTEC LLC](#) (Delaware (US))  
**Registered Address** 2 South Salisbury Street  
Raleigh  
27601  
NC  
United States  
**Alternative Names** Santec LLC (unknown name)  
**Inactive Directors / Officers** [Bell Tony](#), member  
[Castelli Robert](#), member/manager  
[Deal Heather](#), member/manager  
[Secretary of State](#), agent  
**Registry Page** [https://www.sosnc.gov/online\\_services...](https://www.sosnc.gov/online_services...)

### Recent filings for Sanitation Technology LLC

6 Oct 2016	<a href="#">WITHDRAW LLC</a> Withdraw Lic
18 Apr 2016	<a href="#">ANNUAL REPORT LLC</a> Annual Report LLC
17 Apr 2015	<a href="#">ANNUAL REPORT LLC</a> Annual Report LLC
21 Apr 2014	<a href="#">ANNUAL REPORT LLC</a> Annual Report LLC
12 Feb 2013	<a href="#">APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY LIMITED LIABILITY</a> Application for Certificate of Authority Limited Liability

[OpenCorporates, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

## **Santec LLC Filed For Chapter 7 Bankruptcy In October 2016 With \$61,295 In Reported Assets And \$421,917 In Liabilities**

**Santec, LLC Filed For Chapter 7 Bankruptcy In Wake County In October 2016 And Was Terminated In April 2018.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

**16-05381-5-DMW Santec, LLC**

**Case type:** bk **Chapter:** 7 **Asset:** Yes **Vol:** v **Judge:** David M. Warren  
**Date filed:** 10/14/2016 **Date of last filing:** 05/08/2018  
**Date terminated:** 04/10/2018

**Case Summary**

<b>Office:</b> Raleigh	<b>Filed:</b> 10/14/2016
<b>County:</b> WAKE-NC	<b>Terminated:</b> 04/10/2018
<b>Fee:</b> Paid	<b>Debtor discharged:</b>
<b>Origin:</b> 0	<b>Reopened:</b>
<b>Previous term:</b>	<b>Converted:</b>
<b>Joint:</b> n	<b>Debtor dismissed:</b>
<b>Original chapter:</b> 7	<b>Confirmation hearing:</b>
<b>Current chapter:</b> 7	

**Debtor disposition:** Discharge Not Applicable

**Nature of debt:** business  
**Pending status:** Awaiting Closing,Awaiting Discharge,Case Closed  
**Flags:** CLOSED

**Trustee:** Marjorie Lynch **City:** Raleigh **Phone:**  
**Trustee:** Richard Dewitte Sparkman **City:** Angier **Phone:** 919 639-6181 **Email:** rds@sparkmanlaw.com

**Party 1:** Santec, LLC (Debtor)  
Tax ID / EIN: 46-1121758

**Atty:** William F. Braziel III **Represents party 1:** Debtor **Phone:** 919-900-4700  
**Fax:** 919-839-2230  
**Email:** billy.braziel@adamshowell.com

[PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

***Santec LLC Was “Insolvent,” With Over \$400,000 In Liabilities and Less Than \$62,000 In Assets***

**The Receiver Had “Learned There May Be Significant Storage Costs Associated With The Tangible Assets” Of Santec LLC And Believed That Santec, LLC Was “Insolvent,” Making A Bankruptcy Filing “In The Best Of Interests Of Santec, LLC, Its Creditors, And Its Members. [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]**

3. The Receiver believes he has located all assets of Santec, LLC, but has learned that there may be significant storage costs associated with the tangible assets. The Receiver also believes that there are significant disputes as to the claims against the Santec, LLC.
4. The Receiver believes that Santec, LLC is insolvent.
5. The Receiver believes that a Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing would be in the best interests of Santec, LLC, its creditors, and its Members.

[PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

**Santec LLC Had \$61,292.48 In Total Assets And \$421,917.11 In Total Liabilities.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

<b>Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals</b>		<b>12/15</b>
<b>Part 1: Summary of Assets</b>		
1. <i>Schedule A/B: Assets-Real and Personal Property</i> (Official Form 206A/B)		
1a. <b>Real property:</b>		
Copy line 88 from <i>Schedule A/B</i> .....	\$	<u>0.00</u>
1b. <b>Total personal property:</b>		
Copy line 91A from <i>Schedule A/B</i> .....	\$	<u>61,292.48</u>
1c. <b>Total of all property:</b>		
Copy line 92 from <i>Schedule A/B</i> .....	\$	<u>61,292.48</u>
<b>Part 2: Summary of Liabilities</b>		
2. <i>Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property</i> (Official Form 206D)		
Copy the total dollar amount listed in Column A, <i>Amount of claim</i> , from line 3 of <i>Schedule D</i> .....	\$	<u>0.00</u>
3. <i>Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims</i> (Official Form 206E/F)		
3a. <b>Total claim amounts of priority unsecured claims:</b>		
Copy the total claims from Part 1 from line 5a of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....	\$	<u>0.00</u>
3b. <b>Total amount of claims of nonpriority amount of unsecured claims:</b>		
Copy the total of the amount of claims from Part 2 from line 5b of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....	+\$	<u>421,917.11</u>
4. <b>Total liabilities</b> .....		
Lines 2 + 3a + 3b	\$	<u><b>421,917.11</b></u>

[PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

**Santec Had Only \$1,292.48 In Cash And \$60,000 In Office Furniture And Equipment**

**Santec LLC’s Assets Included \$1,292.48 In Cash And \$60,000 In “Office Furniture, Fixtures, And Equipment, And Collectibles.”** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

**Part 12: Summary**

In Part 12 copy all of the totals from the earlier parts of the form

Type of property	Current value of personal property	Current value of real property
80. <b>Cash, cash equivalents, and financial assets.</b> <i>Copy line 5, Part 1</i>	<u>\$1,292.48</u>	
81. <b>Deposits and prepayments.</b> <i>Copy line 9, Part 2.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
82. <b>Accounts receivable.</b> <i>Copy line 12, Part 3.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
83. <b>Investments.</b> <i>Copy line 17, Part 4.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
84. <b>Inventory.</b> <i>Copy line 23, Part 5.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
85. <b>Farming and fishing-related assets.</b> <i>Copy line 33, Part 6.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
86. <b>Office furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and collectibles.</b> <i>Copy line 43, Part 7.</i>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	
87. <b>Machinery, equipment, and vehicles.</b> <i>Copy line 51, Part 8.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
88. <b>Real property.</b> <i>Copy line 56, Part 9.....&gt;</i>		<u>\$0.00</u>
89. <b>Intangibles and intellectual property.</b> <i>Copy line 66, Part 10.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
90. <b>All other assets.</b> <i>Copy line 78, Part 11.</i>	<u>+</u> <u>\$0.00</u>	
91. <b>Total.</b> Add lines 80 through 90 for each column	<u>\$61,292.48</u>	<u>+ 91b.</u> <u>\$0.00</u>
92. <b>Total of all property on Schedule A/B.</b> Add lines 91a+91b=92		<u>\$61,292.48</u>

[PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

***Santec’s Creditors Claimed \$421,917, Including \$76,650 For Storage, \$1,309 For Annual Renewal Services, \$10,500 For Consulting, \$1,796 For Rent, And \$331,661.26 For Unspecified Reasons***

**Santec LLC’s Creditors Made \$421,917.11 In Nonpriority Unsecured Claims Against Santec LLC.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

- **Corporation Service Company Claimed \$1,309 For “Annual Renewal Service.”** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Heather M. Deal, Kenneth Haywood, Robert Meynardie, And Tony J Bell Each Claimed \$0.00 For Notice Purposes.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Kate Kohler Claimed \$10,500 For “Strategy And Business Development Consulting.”** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Robert C. Castelli Made Five Unspecified Claims Totaling \$324,161.26.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Southern Pines Paint & Collision Claimed \$76,650 For “Storage Of Two Items” Over A Two-Year Period.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

- **Todd J Willert Claimed \$7,500 For Unspecified Purposes.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Wells Fargo Bank Rental Income Claimed \$1,796.85 For Rent.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

<b>Part 2: List All Creditors with NONPRIORITY Unsecured Claims</b>		<b>Amount of claim</b>	
3. List in alphabetical order all of the creditors with nonpriority unsecured claims. If the debtor has more than 6 creditors with nonpriority unsecured claims, fill out and attach the Additional Page of Part 2.			
3.1	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Corporation Service Company</b> <b>Attn: Managing Agent</b> <b>2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400</b> <b>Wilmington, DE 19808</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number <u>3497</u>	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed  <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <u>Annual Renewal Service</u>  Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$1,309.00</b>
3.2	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Heather M. Deal</b> <b>717 Forest Park Drive</b> <b>Newburgh, IN 47630</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed  <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <u>For notice purposes.</u>  Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$0.00</b>
3.3	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Kate Kohler</b> <b>4031 35th Street North</b> <b>Arlington, VA 22207</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed  <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <u>Strategy and business development consulting</u>  Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$10,500.00</b>
3.4	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Kenneth Haywood</b> <b>Boxley Bolton Garber &amp; Haywood</b> <b>227 W Martin St</b> <b>Raleigh, NC 27601</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed  <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <u>Notice Purposes</u>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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Debtor <b>Santec, LLC</b> Name		Case number (if known)	
3.5	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2016</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$17,871.92</b>
3.6	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2015</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$34,175.46</b>
3.7	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2014</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$146,896.60</b>
3.8	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2013</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$117,807.19</b>
3.9	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2012</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$7,410.09</b>
3.10	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert Meynardie</b> <b>Meynardie &amp; Naney</b> <b>2840 Plaze Place</b> <b>Raleigh, NC 27612</b> Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <b>Notice Purposes</b> Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$0.00</b>
3.11	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Southern Pines Paint &amp; Collision</b> <b>Attn: Managing Agent</b> <b>937 Southwest Broad Street</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <b>Storage of two items</b> <b>June 15, 2014 - June 30, 2016</b> Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$76,650.00</b>

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Debtor <b>Santec, LLC</b> Name		Case number (if known) _____	
3.12	Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address <b>Todd J. Willert</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	As of the petition filing date, the claim is: <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Basis for the claim: _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
3.13	Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address <b>Tony J. Bell</b> <b>325 Valley Road</b> <b>Fayetteville, NC 28305</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	As of the petition filing date, the claim is: <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Basis for the claim: <b>For notice purposes.</b> Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$0.00</b>
3.14	Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address <b>Wells Fargo Bank Rental Income</b> <b>Attn: Managing Agent</b> <b>Post Office Box 535350</b> <b>Atlanta, GA 30353</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number <b>4003</b>	As of the petition filing date, the claim is: <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Basis for the claim: <b>Rent</b> Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$1,796.85</b>

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### ***Castelli Owned 34.3 Percent Of Santec LLC At The Time Of Its Bankruptcy Filing***

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28. List the debtor's officers, directors, managing members, general partners, members in control, controlling shareholders, or other people in control of the debtor at the time of the filing of this case.

Name	Address	Position and nature of any interest	% of interest, if any
Heather M. Deal		Member	51%
Robert C. Castelli		Member	34.3%
Tony J. Bell		Member	14.7%

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### ***Though Santec Reported \$61,292 In Assets, The Realized Value Of Its Assets Was Only \$10,292 After Liquidating A Solar Toilet For \$9,000 And Failing To Receive Any Funds For Its Reported \$60,000 In Office Equipment***

**Though The Unscheduled Value Of Santec LLC's Assets Was \$61,292.48, The Estimated Net Value Of Its Assets As Determined By The Trustee Was \$10,292.48, Including \$1,292.48 In Cash From A Trust Account And \$9,000 From The Sale Of A Solar Powered Toilet.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court,



Case No:	16-05381-5-DMW	Judge: David M. Warren	Trustee Name:	Richard D. Sparkman
Case Name:	SANTEC, LLC		Date Filed (f) or Converted (c):	10/14/16 (f)
For Period Ending:	09/22/17		341(a) Meeting Date:	11/22/16
			Claims Bar Date:	06/24/17

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Asset Description (Scheduled and Unscheduled (u) Property)	Petition/ Unscheduled Values	Est Net Value (Value Determined by Trustee, Less Liens, Exemptions, and Other Costs)	Property Formally Abandoned OA=554(a)	Sale/Funds Received by the Estate	Asset Fully Administered (FA)/ Gross Value of Remaining Assets	Li Amo
1. Janvier Law Firm, PLLC Trust Account Cashier's check from Fifth Third Bank- Trust Account	1,292.48	1,292.48		1,292.48	FA	
2. Office Equipment, Computers, Equipment, Software Includes Asset #3	60,000.00	0.00		0.00	FA	
3. Solar powered Toilet in 20' Conex w/ solar panels (u) Included in Asset #2	0.00	9,000.00		9,000.00	FA	
4. Patents, licenses, assignments (u) Trustee's Notice of Abandonment filed on 9/18/17 (DE 31)	0.00	0.00	OA	0.00	FA	
Gross Value of Remaining Assets						
TOTALS (Excluding Unknown Values)	\$61,292.48	\$10,292.48		\$10,292.48	\$0.00	

[PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

**Santec LLC Paid \$1,800 For Auctioneer Commissions And Expenses**

**After Disbursing \$1,800 For The Auctioneer Commissions And Expenses, Santec, LLC's Remaining Balance Was \$8,462.48.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

Blanket Bond (per case limit): \$ 3,001,266.00					
Separate Bond (if applicable):					

3	4	5	6	7	
Paid To / Received From	Description Of Transaction	Uniform Tran. Code	Deposits (\$)	Disbursements (\$)	Account / CD Balance (\$)
Janvier Law Firm, PLLC 1101 Haynes Street, Suite 102 Raleigh, NC 27604	BALANCE FORWARD Funds held in Atty for Debtor Trust	1129-000	1,292.48		0.00 1,292.48
Country Boys Auction & Realty P.O. Box 1903 Washington, NC 27889-1903	Gross auction proceeds	1229-000	9,000.00		10,292.48
COUNTRY BOYS AUCTION & REALTY CO PO BOX 1903 WASHINGTON, NC 27889	Auctioneer Commissions & Expenses Per Court Order dated 5/19/17 (DE 26)	3610-000		1,800.00	8,492.48
UNION BANK	BANK SERVICE FEE Per Court Order dated 5/19/17 (DE 26)	2600-000		15.00	8,477.48
UNION BANK	BANK SERVICE FEE	2600-000		15.00	8,462.48
COLUMN TOTALS			10,292.48	1,830.00	8,462.48
Less: Bank Transfers/CD's			0.00	0.00	
Subtotal			10,292.48	1,830.00	
Less: Payments to Debtors				0.00	
Net			10,292.48	1,830.00	
TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS			NET DEPOSITS	NET DISBURSEMENTS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Checking Account (Non-Interest Earn - *****0423			10,292.48	1,830.00	8,462.48

[PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

***Santec Paid \$7,926 In Administrative Expenses To The Trustee And The Accountant For The Trustee OF Santec's Assets***

After Paying A Combined \$7,926.60 In Administrative Expenses To Trustee Richard D. Sparkman And Accountant CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Santec LLC's Remaining Balance Was \$535.88. [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

Applications for chapter 7 fees and administrative expenses have been filed as follows:

Reason/Applicant	Total Requested	Interim Payments to Date	Proposed Payment
Trustee Fees: Richard D. Sparkman	\$ 1,779.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,779.25
Trustee Expenses: Richard D. Sparkman	\$ 261.84	\$ 0.00	\$ 261.84
Accountant for Trustee Fees: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP	\$ 5,339.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,339.50
Accountant for Trustee Expenses: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP	\$ 546.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 546.01
Auctioneer Fees: COUNTRY BOYS AUCTION & REALTY CO	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00
Total to be paid for chapter 7 administrative expenses		\$	<u>7,926.60</u>
Remaining Balance		\$	<u>535.88</u>

[PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

***Santec Paid The Remaining \$535.88 It Had To Castelli And Janvier Law Firm PLLC For Their Nonpriority Claims At A Dividend Rate Of 1.3 Percent***

Santec LLC Paid The Remaining \$535.88 To Creditors Robert C. Castelli And Janvier Law Firm PLLC At 1.3 Percent Of Their Allowed Claim Amount, Leaving The Remaining Balance At \$0.00

Tardily filed claims of general (unsecured) creditors totaling \$ 42,082.46 have been allowed and will be paid *pro rata* only after all allowed administrative, priority and timely filed general (unsecured) claims have been paid in full. The tardily filed claim dividend is anticipated to be 1.3 percent.

Tardily filed general (unsecured) claims are as follows:

Claim No.	Claimant	Allowed Amount of Claim	Interim Payments to Date	Proposed Payment
000001	Robert C. Castelli	\$ 34,175.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 435.19
000002	Janvier Law Firm, PLLC	\$ 7,907.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.69
Total to be paid to tardy general unsecured creditors			\$	535.88
Remaining Balance			\$	0.00


[PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

## **Castelli’s Biography On His Campaign Website And His LinkedIn Page Make No Direct Mention Of Santec LLC Or Its Failure**

### **Castelli’s Biography Only Mentions That Castelli “Started Two Small Businesses” After Leaving The Military**


**Castelli “Started Two Small Businesses” After Leaving The Military.** According to Castelli’s campaign website, “Transitioning to civilian life, Chris started two small businesses that provided logistics services to the public and private sector while focusing on his family and supporting veterans’ causes and his community. Most recently, Chris helped his brother, an ordained Baptist minister, plant a church with a congregation of over 2,000 members in Spring Hill, Florida. He has also helped nonprofits organize and plan evacuation operations for American and Afghan civilians trying to leave Afghanistan. Chris has been married for 19 years to his wife, Dr. Sharon Castelli, who is a 21-year U.S. Air Force veteran and currently the superintendent of a charter school system in Asheboro, NC. They have three children and are active members of the Randolph County community and their church.” [CastelliForCongress2022.com, accessed [6/24/22](#)]

**Castelli’s LinkedIn Profile Does Not List His Time At Santec LLC Between 2013 And 2016.** [LinkedIn, Robert Christian Castelli, accessed [6/28/22](#)]



**Candidate for U.S. Congress**  
6th District of North Carolina  
Jan 2022 - Present · 6 mos

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**Chief Operating Officer**  
Global Security Resources  
May 2012 - Jan 2022 · 9 yrs 9 mos  
North Carolina

Chief Operating Officer for an international security consultancy focused on providing health, safety, security, and training solutions to public and private sector clients. Developed the business from concept through growth stage. Led daily operations as well as business development and contract execution. Responsible for operations, strategic partnerships, finance, and security product commercialization.

- Led the company from start up through product development, first round capitalization, and patent.
- Developed business lines and model.
- Established operating capabilities and strategic partnerships to take the company from initial prototype and proof of concept to product commercialization.

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**Inspector General**  
Department of Defense  
Jan 2010 - Jun 2012 · 2 yrs 6 mos  
Fort Bragg, NC

[LinkedIn, Robert Christian Castelli, accessed [6/28/22](#)]

## **Castelli Is A Strong Donald Trump Supporter Who Contributed To Trump's Campaign And Threatened To Use His Congressional Seat To Prosecute Trump's Political Opponents If Elected**

*Despite his relative lack of public statements on Republican politicians, Christian Castelli is a strong supporter of former President Donald Trump and echoed Trump's claim that he was "spied on" during the 2016 election. In addition to supporting Trump, Castelli even attended an event during the 2022 campaign at one of Trump's golf clubs hosted by Eric and Lara Trump.*

*In September and October 2020, Castelli made two contributions to Trump's campaign and to the Trump Make America Great Again Committee worth a combined \$135. In February 2022, Castelli shared an article from the GOP on Facebook titled "Hillary Clinton lied and Trump was right." Castelli added the caption, "Somebody spied on Donald Trump while he was the sitting President and then invented a false narrative of Russian collusion. As your congressman, I'm going to set the record straight and see to it that the guilty parties are prosecuted for their treasonous actions." Castelli's declaration showed that, if elected, he would spend his time in office seeking revenge on Trump opponents through political prosecutions. Less than two weeks later, Castelli shared an image of him and his wife in formal attire with the caption, "Thank you to Eric and Laura Trump for hosting a wonderful dinner at Trump National in Briarcliff Manor, NY."*

*Outside of himself, Castelli's top donor and only max contributor is Tom Klingenstein. Klingenstein is a Trump-loving conspiracy theorist who said that calling January 6<sup>th</sup> an "insurrection" was a lie "peddled by the corporate media, corrupt politicians, and the Biden administration." He believes we are in a "cold civil war" and argued that "Trump was born for the current American crisis: the life and death struggle against the totalitarian enemy I call 'woke communism.'" Castelli has also taken up Trump's mantra of election fraud. Though he does not appear to have spoken at length on the issue, Castelli's website claims that he will "identify deficiencies" and "restore American confidence" in the electoral process. While he's shared few of his own actual positions, his continued support for Trump and closeness with staunch Trump acolytes should give voters plenty of clues where he stands.*

### **Castelli Contributed To Trump's Campaign, Threatened To Prosecute Trump's Political Opponents For Treason, And Went To A Dinner Hosted By Eric And Lara Trump**

#### **Christian Castelli Contributed \$135 To President Trumps Reelection Efforts In 2020**

**Castelli Contributed At Least \$135 Dollars To Donald Trump's Presidential Campaign And To The Trump Make America Great Again Committee.** [FEC Individual Contribution Database, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/22/22](#)]

<b>Robert Castelli Federal Contributions</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CASTELLI, ROBERT	TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE (WINRED)	2020-10-01	\$100.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT	DONALD J. TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT, INC. (WINRED)	2020-09-20	\$35.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$135.00</b>

[FEC Individual Contribution Database, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/22/22](#)]

## **Castelli Threatened To Prosecute “Guilty Parties” For Treason When He Became Congressman Because “Someone Spied On Donald Trump... And Then Invented A False Narrative Of Russian Collusion”**

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Castelli Shared An Article Claiming That “Hillary Clinton Lied And Trump Was Right” And He Pledged To “See To It That The Guilty Parties Are Prosecuted For Their Treasonous Actions.” According to Facebook, Castelli posted that, “Somebody spied on Donald Trump while he was the sitting President and then invented a false narrative of Russian collusion. As your congressman, I’m going to set the record straight and see to it that the guilty parties are prosecuted for their treasonous actions.” [Facebook, CastelliForCongress2022, [2/15/22](#)]

- **Castelli: “Somebody Spied On Donald Trump While He Was The Sitting President And Then Invented A False Narrative Of Russian Collusion.”** According to Facebook, Castelli posted that, “Somebody spied on Donald Trump while he was the sitting President and then invented a false narrative of Russian collusion. As your congressman, I’m going to set the record straight and see to it that the guilty parties are prosecuted for their treasonous actions.” [Facebook, CastelliForCongress2022, [2/15/22](#)]



[Facebook, CastelliForCongress2022, [2/15/22](#)]

## **Castelli Attended A Dinner Hosted By Eric And Lara Trump At The Trump National Golf Club In Briarcliff Manor, New York**

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**2022: Castelli Attended A Dinner Hosted By Eric And Lara Trump At The Trump National Golf Club In Briarcliff Manor, New York.** According to Instagram, Castelli posted, “Thank you to Eric and Laura Trump for

hosting a wonderful dinner at Trump National in Briarcliff Manor, NY.” [Instagram, @Castelli4NC, [2/28/22](#)]



[[Instagram, @Castelli4NC, 2/28/22](#)]

## **Echoing Trump’s Election Conspiracies, Castelli Implied That There Were Deficiencies In American Elections And That Confidence In American Elections Needed To Be “Restore[d]”**

### **Castelli Said He Would Work To “Identify Deficiencies In Our Election Systems” And “Restore American Confidence In Our Electoral Process”**

Castelli Promised To “Work With Steadfast Resolve To Identify Deficiencies In Our Election Systems,” And To “Advocate For Universal Voter ID And Improvements To Current Practices And Law To Protect The Integrity Of Our Electoral Process And Enforce The Constitution.” According to Castelli’s website, “I will work with steadfast resolve to identify deficiencies in our election systems. I will advocate for universal voter ID and improvements to current practices and law to protect the integrity of our electoral process and enforce the Constitution. I will restore American confidence in our electoral process and ensure the United States remains the gold standard for free and fair elections and democracy.” [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

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## **Castelli's Top Outside Donor Is An Extreme Right-Wing Conspiracy Theorist Who Believes America Is In A "Cold Civil War" And Said "Our General Must Fight As If The Choice Were Between Liberty And Death"**

### **Thomas Klingenstein Was Castelli's Top Donor Other Than Himself**

<b>Committee To Elect Christian Castelli: Top Donors</b>	
<b>Contributor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN	\$140,000.00
KLINGENSTEIN, THOMAS	\$5,800.00
COLAO, ANTHONY E.	\$5,000.00
SEAL PAC SUPPORTING ELECTING AMERICAN LEADERS PAC	\$5,000.00
DEMATTEO, THERESA M.	\$3,000.00

[Ante, 5/25/22]

### **Klingenstein Was An Avid Trump Defender Who Believed The "Current American Crisis" Was "The Life And Death Struggle Against The Totalitarian Enemy I Call Woke Communism"**

**Klingenstein: "Trump Was Born For The Current American Crisis: The Life And Death Struggle Against The Totalitarian Enemy I Call 'Woke Communism.' The 'Woke Comms' Have Seized Every Political, Cultural, And Economic Center Of Power In The Country From Where They Ruthlessly Push Their Agenda."** According to a post by Klingenstein on The American Mind, "Trump was born for the current American crisis: the life and death struggle against the totalitarian enemy I call 'woke communism.' The 'woke comms' have seized every political, cultural, and economic center of power in the country from where they ruthlessly push their agenda. That agenda rests on the conviction that America is thoroughly bad (systemically racist) and must be destroyed. If there is one thing that patriotic Americans know about Trump it is that he, like them, is unequivocally pro-American and willing to fight to defend the American way of life. When Collin Kaepernick and his ilk knelt before the American flag, Trump called them 'sons of bitches.' As always, he was being forceful, authentic, and unmistakably clear." [American Mind, [3/2/22](#)]

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- **Klingenstein: "Trump Said Haiti Is A 'Shithole' And That Representative Maxine Waters Has A Low IQ. These Were Not Racist Lies But Uncouth, Politically Incorrect Observations That Most People Would Agree With But Not Dare Say."** According to a post by Klingenstein on The American Mind, "Trump said Haiti is a 'shithole' and that Representative Maxine Waters has a low IQ. These were not racist lies but uncouth, politically incorrect observations that most people would agree with but not dare say. Most of us,



conservatives no less than liberals, are reluctant to criticize black Americans for fear of being called a racist. Trump, on the other hand, is an equal opportunity criticizer. This is what we used to call ‘colorblindness.’” [American Mind, [3/2/22](#)]

**Klingenstein Said That Calling January 6<sup>th</sup> An Insurrection Was A Lie “Peddled By The Corporate Media, Corrupt Politicians, And The Biden Administration.”** According to Twitter, Klingenstein tweeted, ““January 6th was an insurrection.” “America is a racist country.” “Inflation is transitory.” Don’t believe these lies peddled by the corporate media, corrupt politicians, and the Biden administration.” [Twitter, [@TomKlingenstein, 6/10/22](#)]



[Twitter, [@TomKlingenstein, 6/10/22](#)]

**Klingenstein Said That The Fault Line In The Republican Party And Conservative Movement Was “Between Those Who Believe We Are In A Cold Civil War, Fighting For Our Lives, And Those Who Do Not.”** According to Twitter, Klingenstein tweeted, “In the Republican party (and the Conservative movement as a whole) the great fault line is between those who believe we are in a cold civil war, fighting for our lives, and those who do not.” [Twitter, [@TomKlingenstein, 6/15/22](#)]



[Twitter, [@TomKlingenstein, 6/15/22](#)]

## **Castelli Was Endorsed By Corrupt Trump Allies, Including Former General/Trump Advisor And Admitted Criminal Michael Flynn & Disgraced Former Trump Cabinet Secretary Ryan Zinke**

*During Castelli's Republican primary, he was endorsed by a pair of corrupt Trump officials: disgraced former General Michael Flynn, and former Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. Flynn, a former Trump advisor, pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his communications with Russia while lobbying for a foreign government and was at the center of Robert Mueller's Russia Probe. Zinke was found to have misused his position to advance a development project in his Montana hometown and was investigated for blocking a Native American casino expansion due to political pressure and lobbying from MGM resorts. Castelli's association with these two deceitful and unethical Trump officials is an extremely troublesome development.*

*Michael Flynn lied to the FBI about his communications with the Russian Ambassador while he was lobbying on behalf of the Turkish government, a move that "undermined U.S. foreign policy after sanctions were imposed on Russia for interfering in our elections," according to Representative Adam Schiff. Despite twice pleading guilty, he was later pardoned by President Trump. Colin Powell revealed in a hacked email that Flynn was ousted from the military for being abusive with his staff and said that Flynn had been "right-wing nutty ever since." Among other mishaps, Flynn led a "lock her up" chant at the 2016 Republican National Convention and has found "himself embroiled in so many scandals that it's hard to keep track." Most recently, on June 28, 2022, Flynn testified during a House Committee hearing on the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection. When asked about whether or not the insurrection was justified, Flynn invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and refused to answer the question. When he was asked simply whether he believes in "the peaceful transition of power," he again took the Fifth.*

*While serving as Trump's Secretary of the Interior, Zinke was twice investigated by the department's inspector general over ethics issues. One report found that he "misused his position to advance a development project in his Montana hometown and failed to disclose details of his involvement when questioned by ethics officials." The report also determined that he "misused his authority to direct subordinates to help with the project." Separately, Zinke was investigated by the same inspector general to determine "whether Zinke blocked a proposal from two Connecticut Native American tribes to expand a casino because of political pressure and lobbying from MGM resorts."*

## **Castelli Was Endorsed By Former General And Trump Advisor Michael Flynn And Former Secretary Of The Interior Ryan Zinke**

**Castelli Was Endorsed By Former Presidential Advisor And General Michael Flynn.** According to a segment on WXII 12 News, "[Anchor] Another candidate tells WXII 12 News he has bigger endorsements that Mark Robinson, listing Congresswomen Virginia Foxx and former Presidential Adviser General Michael Flynn endorsing his campaign... Christian Castelli's campaign website does not list any endorsements." [WXII12.com, 1:29-2:00, [5/5/22](#)]

**Castelli Was Endorsed By Former Secretary Of The Interior Ryan Zinke.** According to Twitter, Castelli tweeted, "I am honored to have the endorsement of the Former U.S. Secretary of the Interior and Navy SEAL combat veteran Ryan Zinke." [Twitter, @Castelli4NC, [4/1/22](#)]



[Twitter, @Castelli4NC, [4/1/22](#)]

**Michael Flynn Lied To The FBI, Was Abusive With His Staff, Pleaded The 5<sup>th</sup> When Asked About The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection, And Has Been “Embroided In So Many Scandals That It’s Hard To Keep Track”**

## **Flynn Pleaded Guilty To Lying To The FBI**

**Michael Flynn Pleaded Guilty To Lying To The FBI And Was “At The Center Of Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia Probe.** NY Mag reported, “When former Lieutenant General Michael Flynn retired from his position as head of the Defense Intelligence Agency in 2014, he was hailed as ‘the best intelligence officer of the past 20 years.’ Three years later, he has pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and appears to be at the center of Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia probe. No one could have predicted Flynn’s fall from brilliant military tactician to ex-national security adviser who lied too much for even Donald Trump’s administration. However, Flynn had long had iconoclastic tendencies, and his 33-year military career ended when he was pushed out by the Obama administration. In a hacked email, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Flynn was ousted because he was ‘abusive with staff, didn’t listen, worked against policy, bad management, etc.,’ adding that he’s been ‘right-wing nutty ever since.’ A short time later, Flynn was advising the Trump campaign, leading a chant of ‘Lock her up!’ at the Republican National Convention, and finding himself embroiled in so many scandals that it’s hard to keep track.” [NY Mag, [12/7/17](#)]

**Flynn Lied To The FBI About Conversations He Had With The Russian Ambassador While Lobbying On Behalf Of The Turkish Government.** Politico reported, “FLYNN ADMITS TO LYING ABOUT TURKISH LOBBYING: ‘Former national security adviser Michael Flynn pleaded guilty on Friday to one felony count of lying to the FBI about conversations he had with Russia’s ambassador last year, bringing the special counsel investigation into the 2016 election deeper into President Donald Trump’s inner circle [...] But Flynn admitted to lying about his Turkish lobbying in a separate legal document released on Friday known as a ‘statement of the offense.’ Flynn’s company, the Flynn Intel Group, had registered to lobby weeks before the election for a Dutch firm run by a Turkish-American businessman called Inovo BV but did not register as a foreign agent. In March, Flynn retroactively registered with the Justice Department as a foreign agent because Flynn’s work for Inovo ‘could be construed to have principally benefited the Republic of Turkey,’ according to a letter written by Flynn’s attorney, Robert Kelner. — In document filed on Friday, Flynn admitted that the documents retroactively filed with the Justice Department included false information.” [Politico, [12/1/17](#)]

### ***Representative Adam Schiff Said That Flynn “Undermined U.S. Foreign Policy After Sanctions Were Imposed On Russia For Interfering In Our Elections,” After Trump Pardoned Flynn***

**After Trump Pardoned Flynn, Representative Adam Schiff Said That Flynn’s Decision To Lie About His Communications With Russian Officials “Undermined U.S. Foreign Policy After Sanctions Were Imposed On Russia For Interfering In Our Elections.”** The New York Times reported, “Several Democratic members of Congress condemned Mr. Trump’s pardon of Mr. Flynn as an abuse of power. ‘Flynn lied to the F.B.I. about his communications with the Russians — efforts which undermined U.S. foreign policy after sanctions were imposed on Russia for interfering in our elections,’ said Representative Adam B. Schiff of California, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. ‘And Flynn pled guilty to those lies, twice. A pardon by Trump does not erase that truth, no matter how Trump and his allies try to suggest otherwise.’” [New York Times, [6/30/22](#)]

### **Flynn Was Reportedly Ousted From The Military For Being Abusive With His Staff, Among Other Reasons**

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**According To Colin Powell, Flynn Was ‘Ousted’ From The Military Because He Was “Abusive With Staff, Didn’t Listen, Worked Against Policy, Bad Management, Etc.” And Has Been “Right-Wing Nutty Ever Since.”** NY Mag reported, “When former Lieutenant General Michael Flynn retired from his position as head of the Defense Intelligence Agency in 2014, he was hailed as ‘the best intelligence officer of the past 20 years.’ Three years later, he has pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and appears to be at the center of Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia probe. No one could have predicted Flynn’s fall from brilliant military tactician to ex-national security adviser who lied too much for even Donald Trump’s administration. However, Flynn had long had iconoclastic tendencies, and his 33-year military career ended when he was pushed out by the Obama administration. In a hacked email, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Flynn was ousted because he was ‘abusive with staff, didn’t listen, worked against policy, bad management, etc.,’ adding that he’s been ‘right-wing nutty ever since.’ A short time later, Flynn was advising the Trump campaign, leading a chant of ‘Lock her up!’ at the Republican National Convention, and finding himself embroiled in so many scandals that it’s hard to keep track.” [NY Mag, [12/7/17](#)]

### **Flynn Pleaded The Fifth When Asked By Congress About The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection And His Belief In The Peaceful Transition Of Power**

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**Flynn Pleaded The Fifth Multiple Times When He Was Asked During A January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee Hearing If He Thought The Violence During The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection Was Justified And If He Believed In A Peaceful Transition Of Power.** PBS reported, “Cassidy Hutchinson, an aide to former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows testified on June 28 as the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack presented its findings in

their sixth public hearing. Watch the moment in the player above. During the hearing, the committee played a video deposition from Gen. Mike Flynn, who served for a short time as National Security Advisor under President Donald Trump. During his deposition Flynn repeatedly pleaded the Fifth when asked whether he thought the violence on Jan. 6 was justified and whether he believed in the peaceful transition of power.” [PBS, [6/28/22](#)]

## **Flynn Has Found Himself “Embroided In So Many Scandals That It’s Hard To Keep Track”**

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**Flynn Led A Chant Of “Lock Her Up” At The RNC And Has Found Himself “Embroided In So Many Scandals That It’s Hard To Keep Track.”** NY Mag reported, “When former Lieutenant General Michael Flynn retired from his position as head of the Defense Intelligence Agency in 2014, he was hailed as ‘the best intelligence officer of the past 20 years.’ Three years later, he has pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and appears to be at the center of Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia probe. No one could have predicted Flynn’s fall from brilliant military tactician to ex-national security adviser who lied too much for even Donald Trump’s administration. However, Flynn had long had iconoclastic tendencies, and his 33-year military career ended when he was pushed out by the Obama administration. In a hacked email, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Flynn was ousted because he was ‘abusive with staff, didn’t listen, worked against policy, bad management, etc.,’ adding that he’s been ‘right-wing nutty ever since.’ A short time later, Flynn was advising the Trump campaign, leading a chant of ‘Lock her up!’ at the Republican National Convention, and finding himself embroidered in so many scandals that it’s hard to keep track.” [NY Mag, [12/7/17](#)]

## **Former Secretary Ryan Zinke Misused His Position To Advance A Development Project In His Hometown And Was Investigated For Blocking The Expansion Of A Native American Casino For MGM**

### **The Department Of The Interior’s Inspector General Found That Zinke “Misused His Position To Advance A Development Project In His Montana Hometown” And Mised Ethics Officials When Asked About It**

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**The Department Of The Interior’s Inspector General Found That Zinke “Misused His Position To Advance A Development Project In His Montana Hometown And Failed To Disclose Details Of His Involvement When Questioned By Ethics Officials.”** NPR reported, “Former U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke misused his position to advance a development project in his Montana hometown and failed to disclose details of his involvement when questioned by ethics officials, a federal investigation has found. The report, released Wednesday by the Department of Interior’s Office of Inspector General, centers on the former Trump Cabinet member’s affiliation with the nonprofit Great Northern Veterans Peace Park Foundation, which he and others established in 2007, and a development called the 95 Karrow project. [...] Investigators found that Zinke did not comply with his ethics obligations, in which he agreed not to manage services associated with the foundation. Investigators also found that he misused his authority to direct subordinates to help with the project.” [NPR, [2/16/22](#)]

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**Zinke Was Investigated By The Inspector General To Determine “Whether Zinke Blocked A Proposal From Two Connecticut Native American Tribes To Expand A Casino Because Of Political Pressure And Lobbying From MGM Resorts.”** NPR reported, “Mary Kendall, the acting inspector general at Interior, opened an investigation into it last summer, looking at Zinke’s involvement in the deal and whether any taxpayer resources were used to advance the development. Zinke’s lawyer and spokeswoman have both said that he did nothing improper. [...] The inspector general is also looking at whether Zinke blocked a proposal from two Connecticut Native American tribes to expand a casino because of political pressure and lobbying from MGM resorts.” [NPR, 12/15/18]

## **Castelli Echoed An Antisemitic Trope, Claiming That Kathy Manning, Who Is Jewish, “Panders To The Jewish Community For Money, She Panders To The Minority Community For Votes”**

*In a candidate forum video posted to Facebook, Castelli answered a question about Kathy Manning’s weaknesses by saying, “Well, you know, she – If I can say this for a moment without it being taken – She panders to the Jewish community for money, she panders to the minority community for votes.” Castelli’s suggestion that Manning, who is Jewish, relies on other Jews for money endorses a dangerous and long-running antisemitic trope. The website Jewish Learning states that “claims that Jews are wealthy... and that they exploit their economic advantages to help their own people” is a feature of “Economic anti-Semitism” and was “a major theme in Hitler’s war against European Jews.” Castelli, in no uncertain terms, specifically labels Jews as a financial engine for Manning’s campaign. His antisemitic rhetoric is indicative of the awful and misguided ideas behind his campaign and belong nowhere in America, much less in the halls of Congress.*

## **Castelli Said That Kathy Manning “Panders To The Jewish Community For Money, She Panders To The Minority Community For Votes”**

**When Asked About Kathy Manning’s Weaknesses, Castelli Responded That She “Panders To The Jewish Community For Money, She Panders To The Minority Community For Votes.”** According to video of a candidate forum posted on Facebook, “[Audience Member] What do you think is Kathy Manning’s weakness? [Castelli] Well, you know, she- If I can say this for a moment without it being taken- She panders to the Jewish community for money, she panders to the minority community for votes. I think she’s woefully failed both of those communities.” [Facebook, Caswell Business Broadcasting Network LLC, 11:02-11:18, [4/14/22](#)]

## **Kathy Manning Is Jewish**

**Kathy Manning Is Jewish.** The Jerusalem Post reported, “There are 37 Jewish members of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, which was sworn in last week amid the trauma of an insurrection spurred by President Donald Trump. [...] Jewish Democrats in the House: Jake Auchincloss, Massachusetts (freshman) Suzanne Bonamici, Oregon David Cicilline, Rhode Island Steve Cohen, Tennessee Ted Deutch, Florida Lois Frankel, Florida Josh Gottheimer, New Jersey Sara Jacobs, California (freshman) Andy Levin, Michigan Mike Levin, California Alan Lowenthal, California Elaine Luria, Virginia Kathy Manning, North Carolina (freshman) Jerry Nadler, New York Dean Phillips, Minnesota Jamie Raskin, Maryland Jan Schakowsky, Illinois Adam Schiff, California Brad Schneider, Illinois Kim Schrier, Washington Brad Sherman, California Elissa Slotkin, Michigan Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Florida Susan Wild, Pennsylvania John Yarmuth, Kentucky” [Jerusalem Post, [1/12/21](#)]

## **Claims That Jews Are Wealthy And Exploit Their Economic Advantages To Help Their Own People To The Detriment Of The Public Good Are Features Of “Economic Anti-Semitism”**

**Jewish Learning: “Jewish Business And Financial Success Has... Been A Major Driver Of Anti-Semitism... Supposed Jewish Control Of The Global Financial System — A Feature Of What Some Call Economic Anti-Semitism — Was A Major Theme In Hitler’s War Against European Jews.”** Jewish Learning reported, “Whatever its causes, Jewish business and financial success has more often than not been a major driver of anti-Semitism. Shakespeare’s Shylock character, a money lender who extracts a pound of flesh from a debtor who defaulted, is among history’s best-known caricatures of the Jewish businessman. That caricature lent a sinister undertone of greed and exploitation to Jewish financial dealings that would be invoked to justify anti-Jewish measures for centuries to come. Supposed Jewish control of the global financial system — a feature of what some call economic anti-Semitism — was a major theme in Hitler’s war against European Jews, Father Coughlin’s anti-Semitic rants in the United States, and the czarist forgery The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Related slurs include

claims that Jews are wealthy, greedy and stingy, obsessed with material goods and profit, and that they exploit their economic advantages to help their own people, to the detriment of the public good.” [Jewish Learning, accessed [7/1/22](#)]

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## **Castelli Believes That Life Begins At Conception And Pledged To “Protect The Unborn From Conception To Birth,” Implying He Would Support A Total Ban On Abortion Under Any Circumstance**

*During his campaign for Congress, Castelli revealed his extreme views on abortion that would, if enacted, restrict access to life-saving medical care and endanger tens of thousands of women in North Carolina each year. Castelli argued that life begins at conception and pledged to “protect the unborn from conception to birth,” effectively signaling that he does not believe in abortion under any circumstance. While he has not explicitly stated as such, this logically means he would likely support a total ban on abortion. He called abortion an “immoral practice” and promised to fight against any taxpayer funding for abortions or Planned Parenthood. Castelli’s radical views are dangerous and unpopular. Only 10 percent of North Carolina voters supported a complete ban on abortion in a recent poll. If one were to be enacted, it could directly affect more than 30,000 women each year, according to figures from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.*

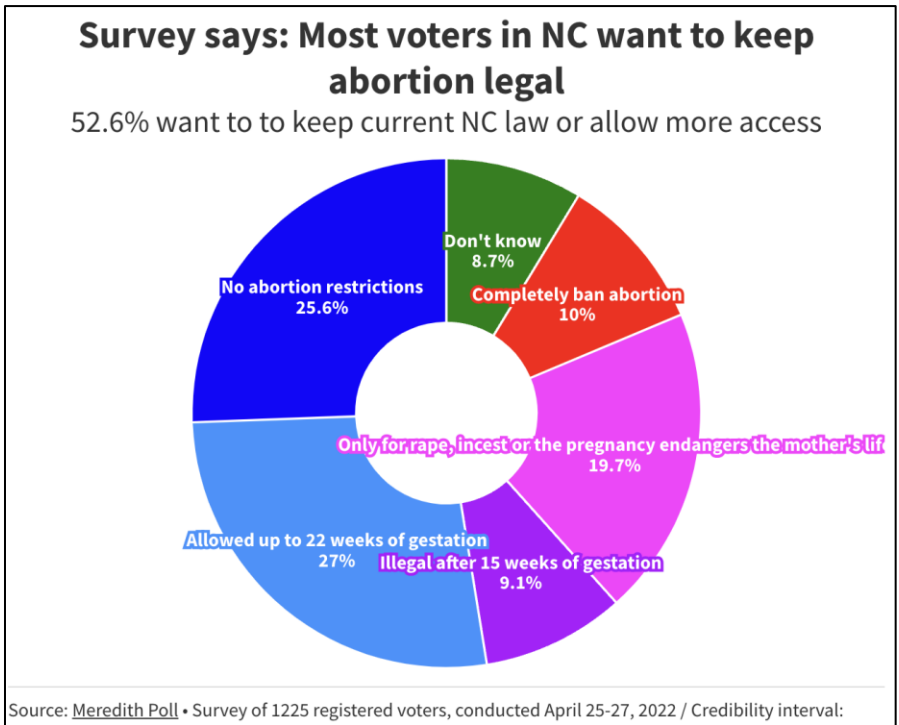
## **Castelli Believed That “Life Begins At Conception And We Must Do Everything In Our Power To Protect The Defenseless At Every Stage Of Life”**

**Castelli Pledged To “Protect The Unborn From Conception To Birth. I Believe Life Begins At Conception And We Must Do Everything In Our Power To Protect The Defenseless At Every Stage Of Life.”** According to Castelli’s website, “As a devout Christian, I will protect the unborn from conception to birth. I believe life begins at conception and we must do everything in our power to protect the defenseless at every stage of life. I will fight to stop tax dollars from being used to fund Planned Parenthood and abortion. Taxpayer dollars should never be used to fund immoral practices.” [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

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## **Only 10% Of North Carolina Voters Supported Completely Banning**

**According To A Poll Conducted By Meredith In April 2022, Only 10 Percent Of Registered Voters In North Carolina Supported A Complete Ban On Abortions.** [The Fayetteville Observer, [6/24/22](#)]



[The Fayetteville Observer, [6/24/22](#)]

## The North Carolina Department Of Health And Human Services Reported That 30,004 Women Had Abortions In The State In 2020

**There Were 30,004 Abortions Performed In North Carolina In 2020.** The Fayetteville Observer reported, “North Carolina abortion providers recently said they are preparing for an increase in out-of-state patients. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services reports that in 2020, 30,004 abortions were performed in this state. There were 25,058 for North Carolina residents and 4,946 for women from other states.” [The Fayetteville Observer, [6/24/22](#)]

## **Castelli Received The Highest Possible Rating From The NRA And Pledged To “Always Support And Defend” Gun Rights**

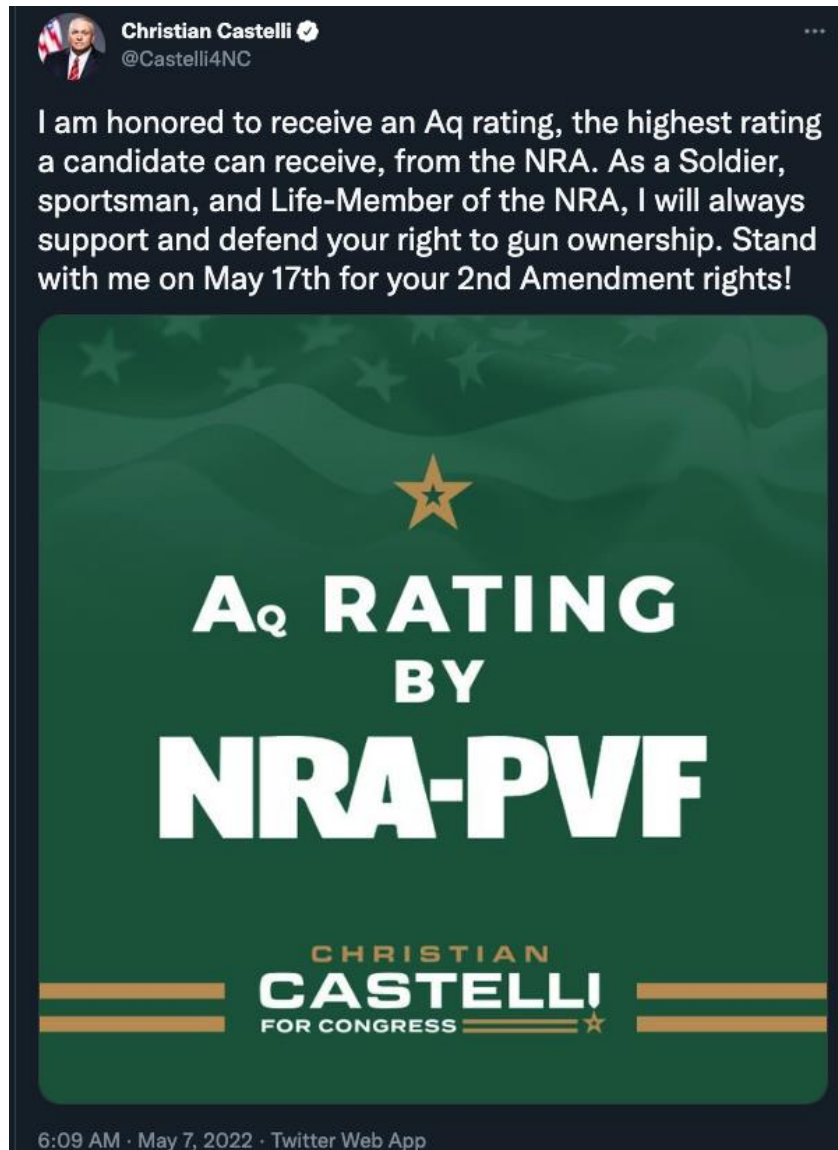
*In May 2022, Castelli celebrated his “Aq” rating from the NRA, the highest possible rating a candidate can receive without a voting record. The NRA Political Victory Fund, which assigns grades to candidates, issues a questionnaire asking about their stance on a variety of gun-related questions. Receiving the highest possible score for a candidate with no voting record would imply that Castelli answered all or almost all of the questions by taking the more pro-gun position. The 2022 North Carolina Candidate Questionnaire, which may be slightly different than the Congressional Questionnaire, asks if candidates support raising the age for purchasing rifles and shotguns to 21, if they support mandatory waiting periods before receiving a purchased firearm, if they support repealing the license requirement for a concealed firearm, and if they support expanding background checks to include private gun sales or transfers. While we do not have access to Castelli’s direct answers to these questions, it is unlikely he supported any of the aforementioned gun control measures given that his NRA rating was the highest he was eligible for. He has also pledged to “always support and defend your right to gun ownership” and revealed that he was a Life Member of the NRA. Castelli’s dangerous commitment to gun rights and likely opposition to basic gun control measures would make preventable gun deaths more likely if he were elected.*

## **Castelli Received The Highest Possible Rating From The NRA For A Candidate And Pledged To “Always Support And Defend Your Right To Gun Ownership”**

**WXII 12 News Said That Castelli “Pledged His Support For Gun Rights” And Cited His Campaign Website’s Pro-Gun Statement.** According to a segment on WXII 12 News, “Most Republican candidates for Congress we interviewed for the recent primary also pledged their support for gun rights. Christian Castelli, he won the GOP primary for congress in North Carolina’s 6<sup>th</sup> District. His campaign website states that he is a ‘life member of the NRA’ and a ‘responsible gun owner.’ It says “I will always support and defend your rights as a gun owner.” [YouTube, WXII 12 News, 2:10-2:25, [5/26/22](#)]

**Castelli: “I Will Uphold Your Constitutional Right To Keep And Bear Arms. As A Soldier, I Carried A Weapon For A Living In Defense Of This Nation. As A Soldier, Sportsman, Life Member Of The NRA, And Responsible Gun Owner, I Will Always Support And Defend Your Right To Gun Ownership.”** According to Castelli’s website, “I will uphold your Constitutional right to keep and bear arms. As a Soldier, I carried a weapon for a living in defense of this nation. As a Soldier, sportsman, life member of the NRA, and responsible gun owner, I will always support and defend your right to gun ownership.” [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

**Castelli Celebrated His Aq Rating From The NRA, The Highest Possible Rating A Candidate Could Receive.** According to Twitter, Castelli Tweeted, “I am honored to receive an Aq rating, the highest rating a candidate can receive, from the NRA. As a Soldier, sportsman, and Life-Member of the NRA, I will always support and defend your right to gun ownership. Stand with me on May 17th for your 2nd Amendment rights!” [Twitter, @Castelli4NC, [5/7/22](#)]



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**The NRA Political Victory Fund 2022 Candidate Questionnaire Asks About A Number Of Gun Control Measures Including Raising The Minimum Age To Purchase A Gun And Universal Background Checks**

**The NRA PVF 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire Asks If Candidates Support “Raising The Age For The Purchase Of Rifles And Shotguns To 21 Years Of Age?”** [NRA 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire, accessed 6/30/22]

7. Under current federal law, handgun purchases from a federally licensed dealer are restricted to individuals who have reached the age of 21. Some argue this purchase restriction should be extended to all firearms, including rifles and shotguns. This would effectively deny law-abiding adults, ages 18 to 20, their Second Amendment rights. **Do you support raising the age for the purchase of rifles and shotguns to 21 years of age?**

[NRA 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire, accessed 6/30/22]

**The NRA PVF 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire Asks If Candidates Support “Mandating Waiting Periods Between The Purchase And Delivery Of Firearms”** [NRA 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire, accessed 6/30/22]

11. Several states and the District of Columbia require mandatory waiting periods before the purchaser of a firearm may take possession of the firearm. For example, California and the District of Columbia require a 10-day waiting period from the date of purchase to the date of delivery. **Do you support mandating waiting periods between the purchase and delivery of firearms?**

[NRA 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire, accessed 6/30/22]

**The NRA PVF 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire Asks If Candidates Support “Repealing The License Requirement For The Carrying Of A Concealed Firearm?”** [NRA 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire, accessed 6/30/22]

14. North Carolina law currently bans concealed, but not open carrying of a firearm without a license. Currently, 21 states allow the open and concealed carrying of a handgun without a government issued license or permit. **Do you support - without diminishing the enforceability of any other firearm laws concerning prohibited persons, places, or conduct - treating open and concealed carriers alike by repealing the license requirement for the carrying of a concealed firearm?** *Note: This would not repeal the current licensing system, which would still benefit those who wish to take advantage of carry license reciprocity agreements when traveling out of state.*

[NRA 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire, accessed 6/30/22]

**The NRA PVF 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire Asks If Candidates Support “Expanding The Background Check System In North Carolina To Include Private Sales Or Transfers Of Long Guns”** [NRA 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire, accessed 6/30/22]

16. Efforts at the state level are increasingly targeting the expansion of North Carolina’s background check system. Currently, all sales in North Carolina, through a federally licensed dealer, have to go through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). **Do you support expanding the background check system in North Carolina to include private sales or transfers of long guns, including between friends and family members (so-called “universal” background checks)?**

[NRA 2022 NC Candidate Questionnaire, accessed 6/30/22]

## **Castelli Supported Building A Border Wall With Mexico And Echoed Debunked Conspiracy Theories About Undocumented Immigrants**

*On immigration, Castelli has parroted debunked talking points and supported completing the border wall with Mexico that Trump has long advocated for. His campaign website said he would “demand we secure the border to stop the mass migration of unvetted illegals from crossing our border” and claimed that such immigrants were being “secretly dispersed under the cover of darkness throughout America.” Politifact rated a nearly identical claim as “Mostly False,” saying that such flights were routine, happened during the Trump administration as well, and were not covert, even if some took place at night. Castelli’s support for ineffective solutions like a border wall and subscription to debunked conspiracies is another example of his inexperience and questionable judgement.*

### **Castelli Supported Completing The Border Wall And Claimed That Illegal Immigrants Were Being “Secretly Dispersed Under The cover OF Darkness Throughout America”**

**Castelli: “I Will Demand We Secure The Border To Stop The Mass Migration Of Unvetted Illegals From Crossing Our Border, Being Processed, And Then Secretly Dispersed Under The Cover Of Darkness Throughout America.”** According to Castelli’s website, “I will demand we secure the border to stop the mass migration of unvetted illegals from crossing our border, being processed, and then secretly dispersed under the cover of darkness throughout America. I strongly support completing the border wall to keep our country safe. And I will always support law enforcement and our Border Patrol, and provide them the resources to be effective and keep our communities safe.” [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

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## **Castelli's Support For School Choice And Opposition To Critical Race Theory As "Political Indoctrination" Would Wreak Havoc On North Carolina's Public Schools And Students**

*Castelli's support for "school choice" programs and his opposition to "Critical Race Theory" would continue to harm North Carolina's "woefully underfunded" public education system. Castelli's website states, "I support school choice because parents know what's best for their children." However, North Carolina's "school choice" voucher program has cost the state upwards of \$150 million since its inception in 2013. As the Charlotte Observer Editorial Board noted in 2021, those "millions of taxpayer dollars are siphoned into private schools that teach through a 'biblical worldview' and discriminate against LGBTQ+ people." Castelli also opposed Critical Race Theory, calling it "political indoctrination."*

### **Castelli Said He Was in Favor Of School Choice, Which Diverts Funding From Public Education At A Time When Public Schools Are "Woefully Underfunded"**

**Castelli: "I Support School Choice Because Parents Know What's Best For Their Children, Not The Government."** According to Castelli's website, "I will defend against government overreach and protect your right to assemble. I will always fight back against unconstitutional executive orders. I support school choice because parents know what's best for their children, not the government. I will strongly oppose political indoctrination, like Critical Race Theory (CRT), in our schools and in the workplace. And, I will stand with workers to protect their jobs against unconstitutional vaccination mandates that threaten people's jobs." [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

### **"School Choice" Voucher Programs Have Diverted Upwards Of \$150 Million From Public Education In North Carolina Since 2013**

**2021: North Carolina's Voucher Program "Has Cost The State Upwards Of \$150 Million Since Its Inception, Diverting Funds Away From Public Education In The Process."** According to an Editorial by the Charlotte Observer Editorial Board, "This is what 'school choice' looks like. As North Carolina's public schools remain woefully underfunded, millions of taxpayer dollars are siphoned into private schools that teach through a 'biblical worldview' and discriminate against LGBTQ+ people. The North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship Program, passed by the General Assembly in 2013, provides state-funded vouchers to eligible families to pay tuition at the private school of their choice. The program has cost the state upwards of \$150 million since its inception, diverting funds away from public education in the process. Supporters of the program — primarily Republicans — say it promotes school choice, extending equity and opportunity to lower-income students who otherwise may not have the means to attend private schools. But there's not much accountability for private schools who receive state money." [Charlotte Observer, Editorial, 9/12/21]

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# Background & Reference

## Personal Life

### Early Life & Education

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**Castelli Was Born In Columbia, South Carolina, Where His Father Was Stationed.** According to Castelli's campaign website, "Chris Castelli was born in Columbia, South Carolina, while his father was stationed at Fort Jackson after his service in Vietnam. Chris spent his early years growing up in a military family and his family has a long history of service to our nation. His great-grandfather immigrated to the United States and served as an Infantryman in WWI, both his grandfathers served in WWII, his father served in Vietnam, and he and his wife have a combined 43 years of United States military service. [...] Chris was raised to believe in God, patriotism, hard work, and public service. He attended Christian schools, graduating from Saint Francis Preparatory High School and later went on to Saint John's University. Chris worked full-time to put himself through college until receiving an Army ROTC scholarship. He graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor's Degree in Government and Politics and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry." [CastelliForCongress2022.com, accessed [6/24/22](#)]

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**Castelli Had A Master's Degree In Public Administration From Harvard.** Fox 8 WGHP reported, "In 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Walker was being recruited by Trump and Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-Hendersonville) to run for the open 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which includes eastern Guilford and Davidson counties and all of Alamance, Randolph, Chatham and Lee counties and a small portion of Wake County. It is seen as Republican-leaning. After Walker announced he was staying in the Senate race, a new Republican name emerged for the 7<sup>th</sup> District: Christian 'Chris' Castelli formerly launched his campaign on Saturday in Asheboro. Castelli is a career officer in the Army, rising to lieutenant colonel, who retired in 2012 and started small businesses in Randolph County. Although he has an undergraduate in government and politics and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard, this is his first foray into politics." [Fox 8 WGHP, 1/31/22]

**2009: Castelli Was A One Of Three Regional Finalists From North Carolina For The 2009-2010 Class Of White House Fellows.** According to a press release from State Senator Kay Hagan, "The following information was released by North Carolina Sen. Kay R. Hagan: U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan (D-NC) today commended three North Carolinians on their selection as Regional Finalists for the 2009-2010 class of White House Fellows. Among the 108 Regional Finalists announced this week by the White House were Jeremy N. Block of Durham, Robert C. Castelli of Southern Pines and Alexander J. Hartemink, also of Durham. The Regional Finalists now face a rigorous interview process, after which thirty candidates will be named National Finalists." [Office of North Carolina Senator Kay Hagan, Press Release, 3/6/09]

## Family

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**2004: Castelli's Father Was A Candidate For The New York State Assembly In The 89<sup>th</sup> District.** The Journal News reported, "SOMERS - As a Vietnam veteran, Robert J. Castelli understands sacrifice. Yet to understand sacrifice in the 21<sup>st</sup> century war against terrorism, Castelli says, he turned to his 34-year-old son, Robert C. Castelli, a U.S. Army Special Forces major who completed his third Afghanistan tour earlier this year. 'We can fight them here or we can fight them there,' Robert C. Castelli told his father, who is running for state Assembly in the 89<sup>th</sup> Assembly District on the Republican and Conservative lines. 'I was trained to fight them there. That's why I go back.' Robert J. Castelli repeated his son's words to about 200 people yesterday as they braved the chilly autumn air for a 'Thank You for Serving' rally at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial in Somers." [The Journal News, 10/25/04]

**2012: Castelli's Daughter Katelynn Pace Was Nominated To Serve At The United States Air Force Academy By Senator Richard Burr.** According to Congressional Documents and Publications, "Today, U.S. Senator Richard Burr announced his nomination of sixty-nine North Carolinians to serve at one of our nation's military academies. The nominees were selected after an application and interview process conducted by Senator Burr's Academy Selection Committee, which is comprised of military academy graduates, veterans, and community leaders from across the state. The nominees, their hometown, high school and parents' names are listed below the academy to which they have been nominated. [...] United States Air Force Academy [...] Ms. Katelynn Pace LTC Robert C. Castelli and MSgt (Ret) Sharon C. Castelli Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, North Carolina" [Congressional Document and Publications, 3/1/12]

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## Military Career

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## Political Career

### 2022 Congressional Campaign

**November 2021: Castelli Filed To Become A Candidate For The North Carolina 7<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Seat.** The News & Observer reported, “UPDATE: Filing resumed in February. Go here to see our list of candidates who have filed. The required redrawing of North Carolina’s congressional map in advance of the 2022 elections was destined to create excitement among incumbents and potential candidates. And it has lived up to that expectation since state lawmakers finalized the 14-seat congressional maps on Nov. 4. [...] Here is a list of candidates: [...] District 7 Counties: Lee, Chatham, Alamance, Randolph, and parts of Davidson, Guilford and Wake. Incumbent: None. Republicans: Bo Hines, Kent Keirse, Jennyfer Bucardo, Lee Haywood, Christian Castelli, Peter Boykin, Marvin Boguslawski, Chad Slotta. Democrats: Kyle Parrish, Crystal Cavalier.” [The News & Observer, 11/13/21]

- **Castelli Filed To Run As A Republican And Listed Asheboro As His Campaign Headquarters.** The Mebane Enterprise reported, “The 2022 midterm elections are now less than a year away and, with the North Carolina General Assembly approving new congressional maps for the state, Mebane’s representation in Raleigh and Washington D.C. could get shaken up this time around. [...] Christian Castelli @: Castelli filed his candidacy for the NC-7 seat on November 15. Asheboro is listed his campaign headquarters and he has filed to run as a Republican, according to FEC filings. That is all the information available on this candidate currently.” [Mebane Enterprise, 12/2/21]

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**As Of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Castelli Had Raised \$146,022 For His Campaign For The 7<sup>th</sup> District Seat In Congress.** The McClatchy Washington Bureau reported, “4. Since November, Walker wrestled with whether he should switch from the U.S. Senate race to campaign in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. He finally made a decision last week to stick with the Senate race. Had he switched, he still would have been outraised by his opponents. In the 7<sup>th</sup> district, Chad Slotta raised \$238,306 and Bo Hines, who is endorsed by U.S. Rep. Madison Cawthorn, raised \$188,403. Christian Castelli nearly matched Walker, raising \$146,022.” [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 1/31/22]

## ***Switch To The 6<sup>th</sup> District***

**February 2022: Castelli Was Listed As A Candidate For The District 6 Congressional Seat.** The News & Observer reported, “North Carolina voters now know whose names will appear on their ballots in the 2022 election. At noon Friday, the North Carolina Board of Elections ended the state’s filing period that began on Feb. 24 with more than 100 candidates signed up to run for the state’s 14 congressional seats. [...] DISTRICT 6 Counties: Guilford, Rockingham and parts of Caswell and Forsyth. Constituents’ political leaning: Democrat Incumbent: Kathy Manning Democrats: Manning Republicans: Bill Schuch, Laura Pichardo, Gerry Austin, Marvin Boguslawski, Lee Haywood, Christian Castelli and Mary Ann Contogiannis” [The News & Observer, 2/19/22]

**Castelli “Switched Districts In February” To Run In The 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District After He Had Filed To Run Under The Maps Originally Approved By The General Assembly.** Fox 8 WGHP reported, “Incumbents Kathy Manning (D-Greensboro) in the 6<sup>th</sup>, Virginia Foxx (R-Banner Elk) in the 5<sup>th</sup>, Dan Bishop (R-Charlotte) in the 8<sup>th</sup> and Richard Hudson (R-Concord) in the 9<sup>th</sup> are well-funded for November. Manning and her challengers Manning, unchallenged in the primary as she seeks her second term, reports having taken in \$367,688 in the first quarter and having \$1,236,184 cash on hand. But Republicans are targeting this race this year as a potential flip because the district now includes Rockingham County (a GOP stronghold), almost all of Caswell County and less of Forsyth County (where Winston-Salem is a Democratic stronghold). Still among the seven Republicans who have filed to challenge Manning, only Christian Castelli, who doesn’t live in the district, has generated anything close to substantial donations, reporting \$204,497 in receipts and about \$144,621 cash on hand. Castelli, a retired military officer and business owner who lives in Southern Pines and lists his campaign office as in Asheboro, had filed for Congress under the maps originally approved by the General Assembly. He switched districts in February, and he reported \$58,475 in contributions for the quarter, although roughly a third of that (\$19,000) came from a loan he personally guaranteed.” [Fox 8 WGHP, 4/18/22]

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Assembly’s first map and filed in the 6<sup>th</sup> when those lines were final in February. He is the only candidate who is not a resident of the district – not required by law in congressional races but generally preferred by candidates – and is one of numerous GOP candidates this year who are running out of their residential districts. Castelli’s campaign, though, also has more cash on hand -- \$144,621 as of March 31 – than all the other candidates combined. But a chunk of that has been from personal loans totaling \$140,000 to his campaign. He did list about \$65,000 in donations for the first quarter of the year, but \$19,000 of that was a personal loan.” [Fox 8 WGHP, 5/2/22]

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## ***Primary Results***

**May 2022: Castelli Won The Republican Primary For The 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District With 36 Percent Of The Vote, Beating Lee Haywood With Nearly 34 Percent And Five Other Candidates.** Fox 8 WGHP reported, “Christian Castelli, of Southern Pines, nosed out Summerfield resident Lee Haywood by just more than 1,000 votes to win a 7-person Republican race on Tuesday night to take on Rep. Kathy Manning (D-Greensboro) in the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [...] Castelli, who raised the most money in the race after changing districts to run away from his residence, earned around 36% of the vote to defeat Haywood, a long-time Republican activist and nominee in 2018, who had just less than 34%. [...] Castelli didn’t respond to an email seeking his reaction to the apparent victory. He also didn’t respond when WGHP reached out to all seven candidates with a series of questions earlier this spring. designed to give you insights into their personal histories and visions. But Castelli was one of two who didn’t respond.” [Fox 8 WGHP, 5/18/22]

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**NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer: “Congratulations To Chris Castelli On His Primary Victory. Chris Is A Veteran Who Has Always Fought For Freedom, And He Will Do The Same In Washington.”** According to a statement from the NRCC, “NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer released the following statement regarding the results of the NC-06 primary election: ‘Congratulations to Chris Castelli on his primary victory. Chris is a veteran who has always fought for freedom, and he will do the same in Washington. Kathy Manning’s loyal support for Democrats’ failed agenda that has caused skyrocketing inflation and rising crime will end her political career.’” [NRCC, 5/20/22]

Voter Registration

North Carolina

Castelli Is A Registered Republican Voter In Moore County, North Carolina, And Has Been Since October 2008. [NC State Board of Elections, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

**ROBERT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI**  
**220 RIDGEVIEW RD**  
**SOUTHERN PINES, NC 28387**

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**YOUR VOTER DETAILS**

County:	MOORE
Status:	ACTIVE
Voter Reg Num:	000000110699
NCID:	BE173806
Party:	REP
Race:	WHITE
Ethnicity:	NOT HISPANIC or NOT LATINO
Gender:	MALE
Registration Date:	10/27/2008
NCDMV Customer:	Yes

[NC State Board of Elections, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

Castelli Is Registered To Vote In Southern Pines In The 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [NC State Board of Elections, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

YOUR JURISDICTIONS	
<b>Precinct:</b>	PINEDENE
<b>Congress:</b>	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 9
<b>NC Senate:</b>	NC SENATE DISTRICT 21
<b>NC House:</b>	NC HOUSE DISTRICT 52
<b>Superior Court:</b>	19D SUPERIOR COURT
<b>Judicial:</b>	19D JUDICIAL
<b>Prosecutorial:</b>	29TH PROSECUTORIAL
<b>County Commissioner:</b>	COMMISSIONER IV
<b>Municipality:</b>	SOUTHERN PINES
<b>Township:</b>	SANDHILL
<b>School:</b>	SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT V

[NC State Board of Elections, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

## Voter History

**Other Than 2006, Castelli Has Voted In Every General Election Since 2002 And He Has Voted In Five Republican Primaries Since 2012.** [NC State Board of Elections, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

Election	Voted Method	Voted County	Voted Party
05/17/2022 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MOORE	REPUBLICAN
11/03/2020 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MOORE	
11/06/2018 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MOORE	
05/08/2018 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MOORE	REPUBLICAN
11/07/2017 MUNICIPAL	CURBSIDE ELECTION DAY	MOORE	
11/08/2016 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MOORE	
06/07/2016 PRIMARY	CURBSIDE ELECTION DAY	MOORE	REPUBLICAN
03/15/2016 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MOORE	REPUBLICAN
11/04/2014 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MOORE	
11/06/2012 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MOORE	
05/08/2012 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MOORE	REPUBLICAN
11/08/2011 MUNICIPAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MOORE	
11/02/2010 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	MOORE	
11/04/2008 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	MOORE	
11/02/2004 GENERAL	ABSENTEE	CUMBERLAND	
11/05/2002 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	CUMBERLAND	

[NC State Board of Elections, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

## Political Contributions

### State Contributions

**Castelli Contributed At Least \$1,050 To Candidates In Statewide Races Since 2010.** [NC State Board of Elections, retrieved [5/23/22](#)]



Robert Castelli State Contributions						
Name	Jurisdiction	Profession	Employer	Committee	Date	Amount
ROBERT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI	North Carolina	MANAGER	GLOBAL SECURITY SERVICES	LEE REC	2022-2-26	\$100.00
ROBERT C CASTELLI	North Carolina	DOD	RETIRED	THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT RONNIE FIELDS SHERIFF	2022-04-20	\$100.00
ROBERT CASTELLI	North Carolina	U.S. ARMY	RETIRED OFFICER	MOORE REC	2015-03-05	\$150.00
Robert Castelli	New York	N/A	N/A	Committee To Elect Robert J Castelli	2010-01-27	\$500.00
Castelli, Robert	Arizona	U.S. Army	Officer	Rich Davis for Arizona	2010-01-20	\$100.00
Robert Castelli	Texas	N/A	N/A	Carter, Stefani (Ms.)	2010-01-08	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$1,050.00</b>

[Ante. retrieved 5/25/22; NC State Board of Elections, retrieved [5/23/22](#)]

## Federal Contributions

### *Contributions To Federal Candidates*

**Castelli Contributed At Least \$410 Dollars To Federal Candidates Snice 2020 Including Donald Trump And Lindsey Graham.** [FEC Individual Contribution Database, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/22/22](#)]

Robert Castelli Federal Contributions			
Name	Recipient	Date	Amount
CASTELLI, ROBERT MR.	TED BUDD FOR SENATE	2021-10-21	\$250.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT	TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE (WINRED)	2020-10-01	\$100.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT	TEAM GRAHAM, INC. (WINRED)	2020-09-24	\$25.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT	DONALD J. TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT, INC. (WINRED)	2020-09-20	\$35.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$410.00</b>

[FEC Individual Contribution Database, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/22/22](#)]

### *Self-Contributions*

**Castelli Contributed At Least \$140,000 To His Own Campaign For Congress Since 2021.** [Ante, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/22/22](#)]

Robert Castelli Self Contributions			
Name	Recipient	Date	Amount

CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI	2022-03-31	\$19,000.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI	2021-12-29	\$11,000.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI	2021-12-28	\$100,000.00
CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN CHRISTIAN	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHRISTIAN CASTELLI	2021-12-13	\$10,000.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$140,000.00</b>


[Ante, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/22/22](#)]

## Personal Financial Disclosures

### 2021 Congressional Candidate Report

#### Filing Information

Robert Christian Castelli Filed A Financial Disclosure Report For His Congressional Race On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

	Filing ID #10044146
<b>FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT</b>	
Clerk of the House of Representatives • Legislative Resource Center • 135 Cannon Building • Washington, DC 20515	
<b>FILER INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Robert Christian Castelli
<b>Status:</b>	Congressional Candidate
<b>State/District:</b>	NC07
<b>FILING INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Filing Type:</b>	Candidate Report
<b>Filing Year:</b>	2021
<b>Filing Date:</b>	02/14/2022

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

#### Schedule A: Assets And Unearned Income

Castelli Reported Five Assets And Unearned Income Sources Worth Between A Combined \$965,005 And \$2,050,000. [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

- Castelli Reported Earning Between \$100,000 And \$1,000,000 In Income In The Current And Previous Year From His Ameritrade Brokerage Account, Which Was Worth Between \$250,000 And \$500,000. [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

- **Castelli Reported Earning Between \$50,000 And \$100,000 In The Current Year From His Wife Sharon’s Orbits Teacher Retirement Account.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]
- **Castelli Reported Earning Between \$15,000 And \$50,000 In The Current And Previous Year From His Rental Property In Southern Pines, NC.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]
- **Castelli Reported Earning Between \$50,000 And \$100,000 In The Current Year From His Roth IRA Account, Which Was Valued Between \$100,000 And \$250,000.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]
- **Castelli Reported Earning Between \$15,000 And \$50,000 In The Current And Previous Year From His TSP Government Retirement Account.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

<b>SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME</b>					
<b>Asset</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Value of Asset</b>	<b>Income Type(s)</b>	<b>Income Current Year to Filing</b>	<b>Income Preceding Year</b>
Ameritrade Brokerage account ⇒ Ameritrade Brokerage account [OT]  DESCRIPTION: Ameritrade		\$250,001 - \$500,000	Ameritrade	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000
Orbits [OT]  DESCRIPTION: Sharon's NC teacher retirement		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Retirement	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
Rental Property [RP]  LOCATION: Southern Pines, NC, US DESCRIPTION: Rental Property		\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
Roth IRA [OT]  DESCRIPTION: Roth IRA		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Roth IRA	\$50,001 - \$100,000	None
TSP [PE]  DESCRIPTION: Government Retirement		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Investments	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

**Castelli Reported A Schedule A Asset Class Detail Regarding His Ameritrade Brokerage Account With A Label That It Had “(100% Interest).”** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

<b>SCHEDULE A ASSET CLASS DETAILS</b>	
o	Ameritrade Brokerage account (100% Interest) LOCATION: US DESCRIPTION: Ameritrade brokerage account

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

### **Schedule C: Earned Income**

**Castelli Reported Earning Income In The Current Or Previous Year From His Wife’s Salary, The United State Army, His Wife’s Other Salary From Global Security Resources, And Social Security.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

- **Castelli Reported That His Wife Earned \$113,036 The Preceding Year And \$9,266 In The First Months Of The Current Year In Salary From An Unspecified Employer.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]
- **Castelli Reported That He Earned \$52,200 The Preceding Year And \$4,401 In The First Months Of The Current Year In Retirement Payments From The United States Army.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]
- **Castelli Reported That His Wife Earned \$2,200 The Preceding Year And \$0 In The First Months Of The Current Year In Salary From Global Security Resources.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]
- **Castelli Reported That He Earned \$27,876 The Preceding Year And \$2,448 In The First Months Of The Current Year In Social Security Payments.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

<b>SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME</b>			
<b>Source</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount Current Year to Filing</b>	<b>Amount Preceding Year</b>
Sharon Castelli	Spouse salary	\$9,266.67	\$113,036.25
United States Army	Retirement	\$4,401.00	\$52,200.17
Global Security Resources	Spouse salary	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
SOC SEC	SOC SEC	\$2,448.00	\$27,876.00

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

### **Schedule D-J**

**Castelli Reported No Liabilities, Positions, Agreements, Or Compensation Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

**SCHEDULE D: LIABILITIES**

None disclosed.

**SCHEDULE E: POSITIONS**

None disclosed.

**SCHEDULE F: AGREEMENTS**

None disclosed.

**SCHEDULE J: COMPENSATION IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 PAID BY ONE SOURCE**

None disclosed.

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

***Exclusions Of Spouse, Dependent, Or Trust Information***

**Castelli Reported That He Was Not Excluding Any Information About A Qualified Blind Trust Or Other Expected Trust And That He Was Not Excluding Any Other Exempted Assets, Income, Transactions, Or Liabilities Of A Spouse Or Dependent Child.** [United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

**EXCLUSIONS OF SPOUSE, DEPENDENT, OR TRUST INFORMATION**

**Trusts:** Details regarding "Qualified Blind Trusts" approved by the Committee on Ethics and certain other "excepted trusts" need not be disclosed. Have you excluded from this report details of such a trust benefiting you, your spouse, or dependent child?

Yes  No

**Exemption:** Have you excluded from this report any other assets, "unearned" income, transactions, or liabilities of a spouse or dependent child because they meet all three tests for exemption?

Yes  No

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

I CERTIFY that the statements I have made on the attached Financial Disclosure Report are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**Digitally Signed:** Robert Christian Castelli , 02/14/2022

[United States House of Representatives, 2021 Financial Disclosure Report, filed [2/14/22](#)]

**Court Records**

# State Civil Court Records

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## Florida

**Castelli Joined A Class Action Suit Titled “In Re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation” Alleging Hearing Loss, Sequelae To Hearing Loss, And “Tinnitus Both Ears,” From Using The Dual-Ended Combat Arms Earplug.** [U.S. District Court Northern District Of Florida, Case No. 3:19-md-2885, In Re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation, filed 6/22/20]

<b>UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA PENSACOLA DIVISION</b>	
IN RE: 3M COMBAT ARMS EARPLUG PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	Case No. 3:19-md-2885
This Document Relates to:  _____	Judge M. Casey Rodgers Magistrate Judge Gary R. Jones
PLAINTIFF(S),	MASTER SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND JURY TRIAL DEMAND
v.	Civil Action No.: _____
3M COMPANY, 3M OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY LLC, AEARO HOLDING LLC, AEARO INTERMEDIATE LLC, AEARO LLC, and AEARO TECHNOLOGIES LLC,	
DEFENDANTS.	
<b><u>MASTER SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND JURY TRIAL DEMAND</u></b>	
<p>Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Trial Demand filed in <i>In re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation</i> on September 20, 2019. Pursuant to Pretrial Order No. _____, this Short Form Complaint adopts the allegations, claims, and requested relief as set forth in the Master Long Form Complaint. As necessary herein, Plaintiff(s) may include:</p>	

[U.S. District Court Northern District Of Florida, Case No. 3:19-md-2885, In Re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation, filed 6/22/20]

**IV. USE OF DUAL-ENDED COMBAT ARMS EARPLUG**

8. Plaintiff used the Dual-Ended Combat Arms Earplug:

Yes

No

**V. INJURIES**

9. Plaintiff alleges the following injuries and/or side effects as a result of using the Dual-Ended Combat Arms Earplug:

Hearing loss

Sequelae to hearing loss

Other [specify below]

Tinnitus both ears

[U.S. District Court Northern District Of Florida, Case No. 3:19-md-2885, In Re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation, filed 6/22/20]

## Business Records

**Researcher's Note:** Christian Castelli has been directly involved with two small businesses since he retired from the U.S. military in 2012. Castelli served as the co-founder and president of Santec LLC and as the chief operating officer for Global Security Resources LLC. The following section contains all of the relevant information we identified on Santec, LLC, and Global Security Resources, LLC, including their incorporation information, news coverage of the companies, legal records implicating each company, and contracts with the state.

### Santec, LLC

#### Incorporations and Dissolution

Santec LLC, AKA Sanitation Technology LLC, Was Registered In North Carolina From February 2013 Until It Was Withdrawn In October 2016. [OpenCorporates, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

- **Robert Castelli Was Formerly A Registered Member/Manager Of Santec LLC.** [OpenCorporates, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

### Sanitation Technology LLC BRANCH

**Company Number** 1301716  
**Status** Withdrawn  
**Incorporation Date** 12 February 2013 (over 9 years ago)  
**Company Type** Limited Liability Company - Foreign  
**Jurisdiction** North Carolina (US)  
**Branch** Branch of [SANTEC LLC](#) (Delaware (US))  
**Registered Address** 2 South Salisbury Street  
Raleigh  
27601  
NC  
United States  
**Alternative Names** Santec LLC (unknown name)  
**Inactive Directors / Officers** [Bell Tony](#), member  
[Castelli Robert](#), member/manager  
[Deal Heather](#), member/manager  
[Secretary of State](#), agent  
**Registry Page** [https://www.sosnc.gov/online\\_services...](https://www.sosnc.gov/online_services...)

#### Recent filings for Sanitation Technology LLC

6 Oct 2016	<a href="#">WITHDRAW LLC</a> Withdraw Lic
18 Apr 2016	<a href="#">ANNUAL REPORT LLC</a> Annual Report LLC
17 Apr 2015	<a href="#">ANNUAL REPORT LLC</a> Annual Report LLC
21 Apr 2014	<a href="#">ANNUAL REPORT LLC</a> Annual Report LLC
12 Feb 2013	<a href="#">APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY LIMITED LIABILITY</a> Application for Certificate of Authority Limited Liability

[OpenCorporates, accessed [6/21/22](#)]



## Employment History & News

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**Castelli Was A Co-Founder And President Of Santec.** The Pilot reported, “Santec was one of 18 grant recipients in the foundation’s Reinvent the Toilet Challenge, which supports efforts to create a stand-alone sanitation unit that does not require piped-in water, a sewer connection or outside electricity to operate. To qualify, the toilet units must cost no more than 5 cents per person per day and be easy to install, use and maintain. ‘This is an opportunity to revolutionize sanitation the world over,’ said Robert Castelli, a co-founder of Santec who serves as president from the company’s Southern Pines office. ‘Our technology has been vetted by a team of scientists at the Gates Foundation. It’s exciting for us. We’re happy to be part of the solution.’ [...] Santec’s design will accomplish three primary functions: distillate liquid waste, dry solid waste into a safe-to-handle potential biofuel or agricultural material, and include innovations to improve operational utility, energy efficiency and cost.” [The Pilot, 5/20/13]

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## Legal Records

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<b>16-05381-5-DMW Santec, LLC</b>		
<b>Case type: bk Chapter: 7 Asset: Yes Vol: v Judge: David M. Warren</b>		
<b>Date filed: 10/14/2016 Date of last filing: 05/08/2018</b>		
<b>Date terminated: 04/10/2018</b>		
 <b>Case Summary</b>  		
<b>Office:</b> Raleigh	<b>Filed:</b> 10/14/2016	
<b>County:</b> WAKE-NC	<b>Terminated:</b> 04/10/2018	
<b>Fee:</b> Paid	<b>Debtor discharged:</b>	
<b>Origin:</b> 0	<b>Reopened:</b>	
<b>Previous term:</b>	<b>Converted:</b>	
	<b>Debtor dismissed:</b>	
<b>Joint:</b> n	<b>Confirmation hearing:</b>	
<b>Original chapter:</b> 7		
<b>Current chapter:</b> 7		
 <b>Debtor disposition:</b> Discharge Not Applicable		
<b>Nature of debt:</b> business		
<b>Pending status:</b> Awaiting Closing,Awaiting Discharge,Case Closed		
<b>Flags:</b> CLOSED		
<b>Trustee:</b> Marjorie Lynch	<b>City:</b> Raleigh	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Trustee:</b> Richard Dewitte Sparkman	<b>City:</b> Angier	<b>Phone:</b> 919 639-6181 <b>Email:</b> rds@sparkmanlaw.com
<b>Party 1:</b> Santec, LLC (Debtor)		
Tax ID / EIN: 46-1121758		
<b>Atty:</b> William F. Braziel III	<b>Represents party 1:</b> Debtor	<b>Phone:</b> 919-900-4700
		<b>Fax:</b> 919-839-2230
		<b>Email:</b> billy.braziel@adamshowell.com

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### ***Voluntary Petition***

**The Receiver Had “Learned There May Be Significant Storage Costs Associated With The Tangible Assets” Of Santec LLC And Believed That Santec, LLC Was “Insolvent,” Making A Bankruptcy Filing “In The Best Of Interests Of Santec, LLC, Its Creditors, And Its Members. [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]**

3. The Receiver believes he has located all assets of Santec, LLC, but has learned that there may be significant storage costs associated with the tangible assets. The Receiver also believes that there are significant disputes as to the claims against the Santec, LLC.
4. The Receiver believes that Santec, LLC is insolvent.
5. The Receiver believes that a Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing would be in the best interests of Santec, LLC, its creditors, and its Members.

[PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

**Santec LLC Had \$61,292.48 In Total Assets And \$421,917.11 In Total Liabilities.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

<b>Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals</b>		12/15
<b>Part 1: Summary of Assets</b>		
1. <i>Schedule A/B: Assets-Real and Personal Property</i> (Official Form 206A/B)		
1a. <b>Real property:</b>		
Copy line 88 from <i>Schedule A/B</i> .....	\$	0.00
1b. <b>Total personal property:</b>		
Copy line 91A from <i>Schedule A/B</i> .....	\$	61,292.48
1c. <b>Total of all property:</b>		
Copy line 92 from <i>Schedule A/B</i> .....	\$	61,292.48
<b>Part 2: Summary of Liabilities</b>		
2. <i>Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property</i> (Official Form 206D)		
Copy the total dollar amount listed in Column A, <i>Amount of claim</i> , from line 3 of <i>Schedule D</i> .....	\$	0.00
3. <i>Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims</i> (Official Form 206E/F)		
3a. <b>Total claim amounts of priority unsecured claims:</b>		
Copy the total claims from Part 1 from line 5a of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....	\$	0.00
3b. <b>Total amount of claims of nonpriority amount of unsecured claims:</b>		
Copy the total of the amount of claims from Part 2 from line 5b of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....	+\$	421,917.11
4. <b>Total liabilities</b> .....		
Lines 2 + 3a + 3b	\$	421,917.11

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**Part 12: Summary**

In Part 12 copy all of the totals from the earlier parts of the form

Type of property	Current value of personal property	Current value of real property
80. <b>Cash, cash equivalents, and financial assets.</b> <i>Copy line 5, Part 1</i>	<u>\$1,292.48</u>	
81. <b>Deposits and prepayments.</b> <i>Copy line 9, Part 2.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
82. <b>Accounts receivable.</b> <i>Copy line 12, Part 3.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
83. <b>Investments.</b> <i>Copy line 17, Part 4.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
84. <b>Inventory.</b> <i>Copy line 23, Part 5.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
85. <b>Farming and fishing-related assets.</b> <i>Copy line 33, Part 6.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
86. <b>Office furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and collectibles.</b> <i>Copy line 43, Part 7.</i>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	
87. <b>Machinery, equipment, and vehicles.</b> <i>Copy line 51, Part 8.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
88. <b>Real property.</b> <i>Copy line 56, Part 9.....&gt;</i>		<u>\$0.00</u>
89. <b>Intangibles and intellectual property.</b> <i>Copy line 66, Part 10.</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
90. <b>All other assets.</b> <i>Copy line 78, Part 11.</i>	<u>+</u> <u>\$0.00</u>	
91. <b>Total.</b> Add lines 80 through 90 for each column	<u>\$61,292.48</u>	<u>+ 91b.</u> <u>\$0.00</u>
92. <b>Total of all property on Schedule A/B.</b> Add lines 91a+91b=92		<u>\$61,292.48</u>

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**Santec LLC’s Creditors Made \$421,917.11 In Nonpriority Unsecured Claims Against Santec LLC.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

- **Corporation Service Company Claimed \$1,309 For “Annual Renewal Service.”** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Heather M. Deal, Kenneth Haywood, Robert Meynardie, And Tony J Bell Each Claimed \$0.00 For Notice Purposes.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Kate Kohler Claimed \$10,500 For “Strategy And Business Development Consulting.”** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Robert C. Castelli Made Five Unspecified Claims Totaling \$324,161.26.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Southern Pines Paint & Collision Claimed \$76,650 For “Storage Of Two Items” Over A Two Year Period.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]
- **Todd J Willert Claimed \$7,500 For Unspecified Purposes.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

- **Wells Fargo Bank Rental Income Claimed \$1,796.85 For Rent.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

<b>Part 2: List All Creditors with NONPRIORITY Unsecured Claims</b>		<b>Amount of claim</b>	
3. List in alphabetical order all of the creditors with nonpriority unsecured claims. If the debtor has more than 6 creditors with nonpriority unsecured claims, fill out and attach the Additional Page of Part 2.			
3.1	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Corporation Service Company</b> <b>Attn: Managing Agent</b> <b>2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400</b> <b>Wilmington, DE 19808</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number <u>3497</u>	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed  <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <u>Annual Renewal Service</u>  Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$1,309.00</b>
3.2	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Heather M. Deal</b> <b>717 Forest Park Drive</b> <b>Newburgh, IN 47630</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed  <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <u>For notice purposes.</u>  Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$0.00</b>
3.3	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Kate Kohler</b> <b>4031 35th Street North</b> <b>Arlington, VA 22207</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed  <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <u>Strategy and business development consulting</u>  Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$10,500.00</b>
3.4	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Kenneth Haywood</b> <b>Boxley Bolton Garber &amp; Haywood</b> <b>227 W Martin St</b> <b>Raleigh, NC 27601</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed  <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <u>Notice Purposes</u>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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Debtor <b>Santec, LLC</b> Name		Case number (if known)	
3.5	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2016</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$17,871.92</b>
3.6	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2015</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$34,175.46</b>
3.7	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2014</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$146,896.60</b>
3.8	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2013</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$117,807.19</b>
3.9	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert C. Castelli</b> <b>220 Ridgeview Road</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred <u>2012</u> Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$7,410.09</b>
3.10	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Robert Meynardie</b> <b>Meynardie &amp; Naney</b> <b>2840 Plaze Place</b> <b>Raleigh, NC 27612</b> Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <b>Notice Purposes</b> Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$0.00</b>
3.11	<b>Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address</b> <b>Southern Pines Paint &amp; Collision</b> <b>Attn: Managing Agent</b> <b>937 Southwest Broad Street</b> <b>Southern Pines, NC 28387</b> Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	<b>As of the petition filing date, the claim is:</b> <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Basis for the claim:</b> <b>Storage of two items</b> <b>June 15, 2014 - June 30, 2016</b> Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$76,650.00</b>

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Debtor <b>Santec, LLC</b> Name		Case number (if known)	
3.12	Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address <b>Todd J. Willert</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	As of the petition filing date, the claim is: <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Basis for the claim: _ Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
3.13	Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address <b>Tony J. Bell</b> <b>325 Valley Road</b> <b>Fayetteville, NC 28305</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number _	As of the petition filing date, the claim is: <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Basis for the claim: <b>For notice purposes.</b> Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$0.00</b>
3.14	Nonpriority creditor's name and mailing address <b>Wells Fargo Bank Rental Income</b> <b>Attn: Managing Agent</b> <b>Post Office Box 535350</b> <b>Atlanta, GA 30353</b>  Date(s) debt was incurred _ Last 4 digits of account number <b>4003</b>	As of the petition filing date, the claim is: <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Basis for the claim: <b>Rent</b> Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>\$1,796.85</b>

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**Castelli Owned 34.3 Percent Of Santec LLC At The Time Of Its Bankruptcy Filing.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

28. List the debtor's officers, directors, managing members, general partners, members in control, controlling shareholders, or other people in control of the debtor at the time of the filing of this case.

Name	Address	Position and nature of any interest	% of interest, if any
Heather M. Deal		Member	51%
Robert C. Castelli		Member	34.3%
Tony J. Bell		Member	14.7%

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## Disbursement

**Though The Unscheduled Value Of Santec LLC's Assets Was \$61,292.48, The Estimated Net Value Of Its Assets As Determined By The Trustee Was \$10,292.48, Including \$1,292.48 In Cash From A Trust Account And \$9,000 From The Sale Of A Solar Powered Toilet.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

Case No:	16-05381-5-DMW	Judge: David M. Warren	Trustee Name:	Richard D. Sparkman
Case Name:	SANTEC, LLC		Date Filed (f) or Converted (c):	10/14/16 (f)
For Period Ending:	09/22/17		341(a) Meeting Date:	11/22/16
			Claims Bar Date:	06/24/17

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Asset Description (Scheduled and Unscheduled (u) Property)	Petition/ Unscheduled Values	Est Net Value (Value Determined by Trustee, Less Liens, Exemptions, and Other Costs)	Property Formally Abandoned OA=554(a)	Sale/Funds Received by the Estate	Asset Fully Administered (FA)/ Gross Value of Remaining Assets	Li Amo
1. Janvier Law Firm, PLLC Trust Account Cashier's check from Fifth Third Bank- Trust Account	1,292.48	1,292.48		1,292.48	FA	
2. Office Equipment, Computers, Equipment, Software Includes Asset #3	60,000.00	0.00		0.00	FA	
3. Solar powered Toilet in 20' Conex w/ solar panels (u) Included in Asset #2	0.00	9,000.00		9,000.00	FA	
4. Patents, licenses, assignments (u) Trustee's Notice of Abandonment filed on 9/18/17 (DE 31)	0.00	0.00	OA	0.00	FA	
Gross Value of Remaining Assets						
TOTALS (Excluding Unknown Values)	\$61,292.48	\$10,292.48		\$10,292.48	\$0.00	

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**After Disbursing \$1,800 For The Auctioneer Commissions And Expenses, Santec, LLC's Remaining Balance Was \$8,462.48.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

Blanket Bond (per case limit): \$ 3,001,266.00					
Separate Bond (if applicable):					

3	4	5	6	7	
Paid To / Received From	Description Of Transaction	Uniform Tran. Code	Deposits (\$)	Disbursements (\$)	Account / CD Balance (\$)
	BALANCE FORWARD				0.00
Janvier Law Firm, PLLC 1101 Haynes Street, Suite 102 Raleigh, NC 27604	Funds held in Atty for Debtor Trust	1129-000	1,292.48		1,292.48
Country Boys Auction & Realty P.O. Box 1903 Washington, NC 27889-1903	Gross auction proceeds	1229-000	9,000.00		10,292.48
COUNTRY BOYS AUCTION & REALTY CO PO BOX 1903 WASHINGTON, NC 27889	Auctioneer Commissions & Expenses Per Court Order dated 5/19/17 (DE 26)	3610-000		1,800.00	8,492.48
UNION BANK	BANK SERVICE FEE Per Court Order dated 5/19/17 (DE 26)	2600-000		15.00	8,477.48
UNION BANK	BANK SERVICE FEE	2600-000		15.00	8,462.48
COLUMN TOTALS			10,292.48	1,830.00	8,462.48
Less: Bank Transfers/CD's			0.00	0.00	
Subtotal			10,292.48	1,830.00	
Less: Payments to Debtors				0.00	
Net			10,292.48	1,830.00	
TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS			NET DEPOSITS	NET DISBURSEMENTS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Checking Account (Non-Interest Earn - *****0423			10,292.48	1,830.00	8,462.48

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**After Paying A Combined \$7,926.60 In Administrative Expenses To Trustee Richard D. Sparkman And Accountant CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Santec LLC's Remaining Balance Was \$535.88.** [PACER, North Carolina Eastern Bankruptcy Court, Case No. 16-05381-5-DMV, filed 10/14/16]

Applications for chapter 7 fees and administrative expenses have been filed as follows:

Reason/Applicant	Total Requested	Interim Payments to Date	Proposed Payment
Trustee Fees: Richard D. Sparkman	\$ 1,779.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,779.25
Trustee Expenses: Richard D. Sparkman	\$ 261.84	\$ 0.00	\$ 261.84
Accountant for Trustee Fees: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP	\$ 5,339.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,339.50
Accountant for Trustee Expenses: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP	\$ 546.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 546.01
Auctioneer Fees: COUNTRY BOYS AUCTION & REALTY CO	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00
Total to be paid for chapter 7 administrative expenses		\$	7,926.60
Remaining Balance		\$	535.88

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**Santec LLC Paid The Remaining \$535.88 To Creditors Robert C. Castelli And Janvier Law Firm PLLC At 1.3 Percent Of Their Allowed Claim Amount, Leaving The Remaining Balance At \$0.00**

Tardily filed claims of general (unsecured) creditors totaling \$ 42,082.46 have been allowed and will be paid *pro rata* only after all allowed administrative, priority and timely filed general (unsecured) claims have been paid in full. The tardily filed claim dividend is anticipated to be 1.3 percent.

Tardily filed general (unsecured) claims are as follows:

Claim No.	Claimant	Allowed Amount of Claim	Interim Payments to Date	Proposed Payment
000001	Robert C. Castelli	\$ 34,175.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 435.19
000002	Janvier Law Firm, PLLC	\$ 7,907.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.69
Total to be paid to tardy general unsecured creditors			\$	535.88
Remaining Balance			\$	0.00

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## State Contracts

**A Search Of The North Carolina Vendor Payments Database Did Not Reveal Any Payments From The State Or Its Agencies To Santec LLC Since 2019.** [NC Vendor Payments, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

**A Search Of The North Carolina Statewide And Agency Contracts Database Did Not Reveal Any Contract**

Between The State Or Its Agencies And Santec LLC Since 2019. [NC Statewide and Agency Contracts, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

## Global Security Resources, LLC

### Incorporation

Global Security Resources, LLC, A Currently Registered Company In North Carolina, Was Formed In November 2010 In Delaware And Listed Sharon S. Castelli As The Registered Agent. [NC Secretary of State Business Search, accessed [6/27/22](#)]

- The Registered Office And Mailing Address For Global Security Resources, LLC Was 220 Ridgeview Rd, Southern Pines, NC. [NC Secretary of State Business Search, accessed [6/27/22](#)]

Limited Liability Company
<b>Legal Name</b> Global Security Resources, LLC
<b>Information</b>
<b>SosId:</b> 1173669 <b>Status:</b> Current-Active ⓘ <b>Date Formed:</b> 11/1/2010 <b>Citizenship:</b> Foreign <b>State of Incorporation:</b> DE <b>Annual Report Due Date:</b> April 15th <b>Annual Report Status:</b> Current <b>Registered Agent:</b> <a href="#">Castelli, Sharon S</a>

[NC Secretary of State Business Search, accessed [6/27/22](#)]

Addresses
<b>Reg Office</b> 220 Ridgeview Rd Southern Pines, NC 28387-6744
<b>Reg Mailing</b> 220 Ridgeview Rd Southern Pines, NC 28387-6744

[NC Secretary of State Business Search, accessed [6/27/22](#)]

## Employment History

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**2012-2022: Castelli Served As The Chief Operating Officer For Global Security Resources In North Carolina For Nine Years And Nine Months.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]



**Chief Operating Officer**  
Global Security Resources  
May 2012 - Jan 2022 · 9 yrs 9 mos  
North Carolina

Chief Operating Officer for an international security consultancy focused on providing health, safety, security, and training solutions to public and private sector clients. Developed the business from concept through growth stage. Led daily operations as well as business development and contract execution. Responsible for operations, strategic partnerships, finance, and security product commercialization.

- Led the company from start up through product development, first round capitalization, and patent.
- Developed business lines and model.
- Established operating capabilities and strategic partnerships to take the company from initial prototype and proof of concept to product commercialization.

[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

## State Contracts

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**A Search Of The North Carolina Vendor Payments Database Did Not Reveal Any Payments From The State Or Its Agencies To Global Security Resources LLC Since 2019.** [NC Vendor Payments, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

**A Search Of The North Carolina Statewide And Agency Contracts Database Did Not Reveal Any Contract Between The State Or Its Agencies And Global Security Resources LLC Since 2019.** [NC Statewide and Agency Contracts, accessed [6/21/22](#)]

## Campaign Finance

### Committee To Elect Christian Castelli Receipts

**As Of May 25, The Committee To Elect Christian Castelli Has Raised A Total Of \$214,740, Including \$140,000 From Castelli Himself.** According to Ante, the Committee to Elect Christian Castelli had raised \$214,740, including \$140,000 from Castelli to himself. [Ante, accessed 5/25/22]

<b>Committee To Elect Christian Castelli: Receipts</b>	
Contributor Name	Amount
CASTELLI, ROBERT CHRISTIAN	\$140,000.00
KLINGENSTEIN, THOMAS	\$5,800.00
COLAO, ANTHONY E.	\$5,000.00
SEAL PAC SUPPORTING ELECTING AMERICAN LEADERS PAC	\$5,000.00
DEMATTEO, THERESA M.	\$3,000.00
RIGAS, ELAINE	\$2,900.00
CASTELLI, SHARON S.	\$2,900.00
ROBSON, EDWARD J.	\$2,900.00
FURNARI, DONNA	\$2,900.00
MOSKAL, ERIC E	\$2,900.00
TYSON, VANCE	\$2,900.00
COSENTINO, MARC P.	\$2,500.00
CARTER, MARSHALL	\$2,000.00
HUDSON FOR CONGRESS	\$2,000.00
GRENADER, DAVID	\$2,000.00
CASTELLI, PAUL	\$1,900.00
BOUCHER, MARK R.	\$1,190.00
O'REILLY, PATRICK	\$1,000.00
SCULLY, WILLIAM P	\$1,000.00
JAMES, CHRISTIAN	\$1,000.00
CARTER, STEFANI	\$1,000.00
HARVEY, EDWARD A. JR.	\$1,000.00
PACE, ERIC S.	\$1,000.00
TEAGUE, THOMAS	\$1,000.00
PIANELLI, JOSEPH	\$1,000.00
POPOLO, JOE	\$1,000.00
MAHANEY, JOSEPHINE	\$1,000.00
DUER, BEVERLEY C	\$1,000.00
SIKORSKI, JOHN E.	\$1,000.00
HENRY, DONITA G.	\$1,000.00
MOODY, MICHELLE R.	\$1,000.00
HEITMANN, ERIK A.	\$1,000.00
MARTIN, FREDERICK	\$1,000.00

WARRIOR DIPLOMAT PAC	\$1,000.00
LANE, HANK	\$1,000.00
LORIA, CHRISTOPHER	\$1,000.00
CAM, VU T.	\$500.00
TROY, GUY K. COL.	\$500.00
MARUCA, RAYMOND A.	\$500.00
GREENBLATT, SCOTT	\$500.00
TYRON, JOSEPH D.	\$500.00
LEE, BILL	\$500.00
MORRISON, JENNIFER	\$500.00
FUENTES, JOSE	\$500.00
FRIEND, DANIEL	\$500.00
JUNG, CRAIG	\$250.00
WHEELER, MIEKA LUISE	\$250.00
VALITUTTO, REBEKA J	\$250.00
GONZALES, RICHARD	\$250.00
DOHERTY, MICHAEL	\$250.00
NAWAH, AHMED E.	\$250.00
WHITE, JAMES	\$250.00
PETRULLO, MICHAEL A.	\$250.00
DAFFRON, TERRY	\$250.00
SWENIE, KEVIN J	\$250.00
ROSLONOWSKI, MARY	\$250.00
MCFATE, SEAN	\$250.00
LYONS, PAUL	\$250.00
TRIVETTE, WILLIAM S	\$200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$214,740.00</b>

[Ante, accessed 5/25/22]

## Social Media And Videos

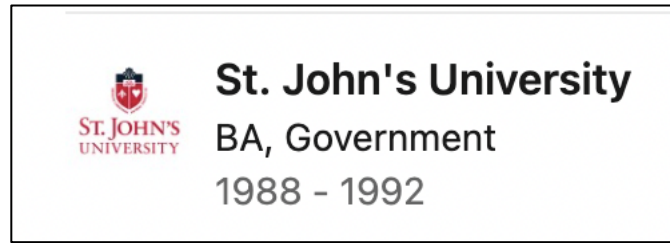
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#### Education

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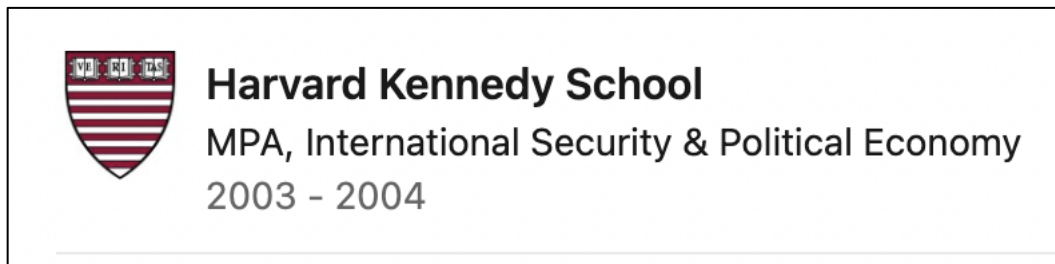
***Researcher's Note:*** We could not independently verify that Castelli received each of these degrees.

**1988-1992: Castelli Received A BA In Government From St. John's University In 1992.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]



[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

**2003-2004: Castelli Received an MPA in International Security & Political Economy from the Harvard Kennedy School.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]



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#### Employment

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**2004-2005: Castelli Served As Deputy Inspector General Of The United States Army Special Operations Command For One Year And Three Months.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]





### **Deputy Inspector General**

United States Army Special Operations Command

Jun 2004 - Aug 2005 · 1 yr 3 mos

Deputy Inspector General for a 26,000-person Major Army Command responsible for the training and combat readiness of all Army Special Operations Forces. Chief of Investigations leading 18 Inspectors General in the conduct of all safety, operational, personnel, administrative, readiness, and intelligence oversight matters. Conducted IG investigations on violations of law, policy, regulations, and worked with subordinate commands, staff and sister agencies to resolve systemic problems to increase readiness, efficiency and accountability.

- Led quality assurance operations for a 26,000 person organization operating 81 countries.
- Conducted over 100 IG investigations, inquires, and inspections providing metrics to the Chief Executive.
- Developed policies, plans and programs as a change agent to resolve issues and increase efficiency and value.

[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

**2005-2006: Castelli Served As The Chief Operating Officer Of The 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) At Fort Bragg For One Year.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]



### **Chief Operating Officer**

7th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Sep 2005 - Aug 2006 · 1 yr


Fort Bragg, NC

Chief Operating Officer responsible for all future plans, orders, operational deployments, and exercises for the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), a 3,500-person organization with personnel conducting simultaneous operations in 12 countries. Maintained and updated all operational and contingency plans that employed 7th Special Forces Group in support of U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Central Command Global War on Terrorism requirements. Developed and resourced all long range planning, mission essential tasks, Group and Battalion mission letters, and geographic focused analyses. Supervised the Group's force modernization program and the evaluation of emerging technologies.

- Exercised full responsibility for a \$72 Million operations and maintenance budget.
- Directed a 40 person staff section in development of strategic and future plans and management of current operations and training in 12 emerging markets.
- Supervised the logistical planning and operations at 26 locations in South America, Europe and South Asia.

[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

**2006-2007: Castelli Served As The Company Commander For The 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group At Fort Bragg For One Year.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]



**Company Commander**  
7th Special Forces Group  
Sep 2006 - Aug 2007 · 1 yr  
Fort Bragg, NC

Commanded a Special Forces Company trained and equipped to conduct Special Operations throughout the spectrum of conflict. Commanded an 84-man organic special operations company in the execution of National Command Authority directives during wartime. Conducted Unconventional Warfare, Direct Action, Special Reconnaissance, Foreign Internal Defense and Special Forces Collateral Activities in the U.S. Sothern Command and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibility. Developed training plans and supervised the training and assistance of U.S. and partner nation forces.

- Managed unit finances, property book and operational budget in excess of \$56 million.
- Supervised the establishment of operational capabilities of 1,200 personnel operating in ten locations in South America and South Asia.
- Led over 1,200 US and multi-national forces during combat operations.

[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

**2007: Castelli Served As The Director – Chief Of Staff For The Special Operations Task Force For One Year.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]



### **Director - Chief of Staff**

Special Operations Task Force

Jan 2007 - Dec 2007 · 1 yr

Executive Officer and Chief of Staff for a Special Operations Command consisting of a Headquarters, three operational units, and a support element. Managed the training and function of 30 senior staff members. Directed wartime staff operations in the execution of National Command Authority directives. Managed financial resources, property, maintenance, personnel readiness, and command inspection program. Served as a Task Force Director during combat operations in Afghanistan, supervising the operational planning and resourcing of a Task Force consisting of 19 bases and 3,500 personnel including coalition forces.

- Supervised the primary staff management of a 3,500 person US and multi-national organization operating in an emerging market.
- Organized and directed logistics operations to include infrastructure at 19 locations in a politically sensitive and geographically austere environment in South Asia.
- Directed a \$56 million operations and maintenance budget.

[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

**2008-2009: Castelli Served As The Senior Military Advisor For The Office Of The Secretary Of Defense At The Pentagon For Two Years.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]



### Senior Military Advisor

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Jan 2008 - Dec 2009 · 2 yrs

Pentagon

Drafted and gained Secretary of Defense approval for military operations, national security policy, and inter-agency initiatives. Supervised multi-million dollar research study at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (Contract Research Organization) on a national security and safety program. Prepared congressional testimony and briefed defense policy at the White House. Advised the National Security Council staff on policy matters and prepared senior defense officials for policy meetings at the White House. Coordinated policy actions with the Joint Staff, Department of State, and National Counterterrorism Center, FBI, and CIA. Served as a crisis management team member during domestic and international crises.

- Drafted and implemented strategic and operational plans in support of national security objectives.
- Led a multi service and defense agency contract research study with findings currently being implemented by the Department of Defense.
- Prepared reports for Congress and key leaders in the interagency community.

[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

**2010-2012: Castelli Served As An Inspector General For The Department Of Defense At Fort Bragg For Two Years And Six Months.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]



### Inspector General

Department of Defense

Jan 2010 - Jun 2012 · 2 yrs 6 mos

Fort Bragg, NC

United States Army Inspector General for a 15,000-person command. Senior Investigator for law, policy, safety and regulatory actions. Supervised audits, safety, investigations, inspections, assistance, intelligence oversight, and training functions. Routinely coordinated with sister Inspector General offices, and federal, state and local law enforcement, for investigations, organizational inspections and enterprise-wide training programs.

- Performed over 300 high-profile Inspector General investigations.
- Drafted organizational policy and led enterprise-wide change initiatives.
- Provided quality assurance and risk mitigation as a division level principal and Chief Executive Advisor.

[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

**2012-2022: Castelli Served As The Chief Operating Officer For Global Security Resources In North Carolina For Nine Years And Nine Months.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]




**Chief Operating Officer**  
Global Security Resources  
May 2012 - Jan 2022 · 9 yrs 9 mos  
North Carolina

Chief Operating Officer for an international security consultancy focused on providing health, safety, security, and training solutions to public and private sector clients. Developed the business from concept through growth stage. Led daily operations as well as business development and contract execution. Responsible for operations, strategic partnerships, finance, and security product commercialization.

- Led the company from start up through product development, first round capitalization, and patent.
- Developed business lines and model.
- Established operating capabilities and strategic partnerships to take the company from initial prototype and proof of concept to product commercialization.

[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

**2022: Castelli Was A Candidate For U.S. Congress In The 6<sup>th</sup> District Of North Carolina From January 2022 Through The Current Date.** [LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

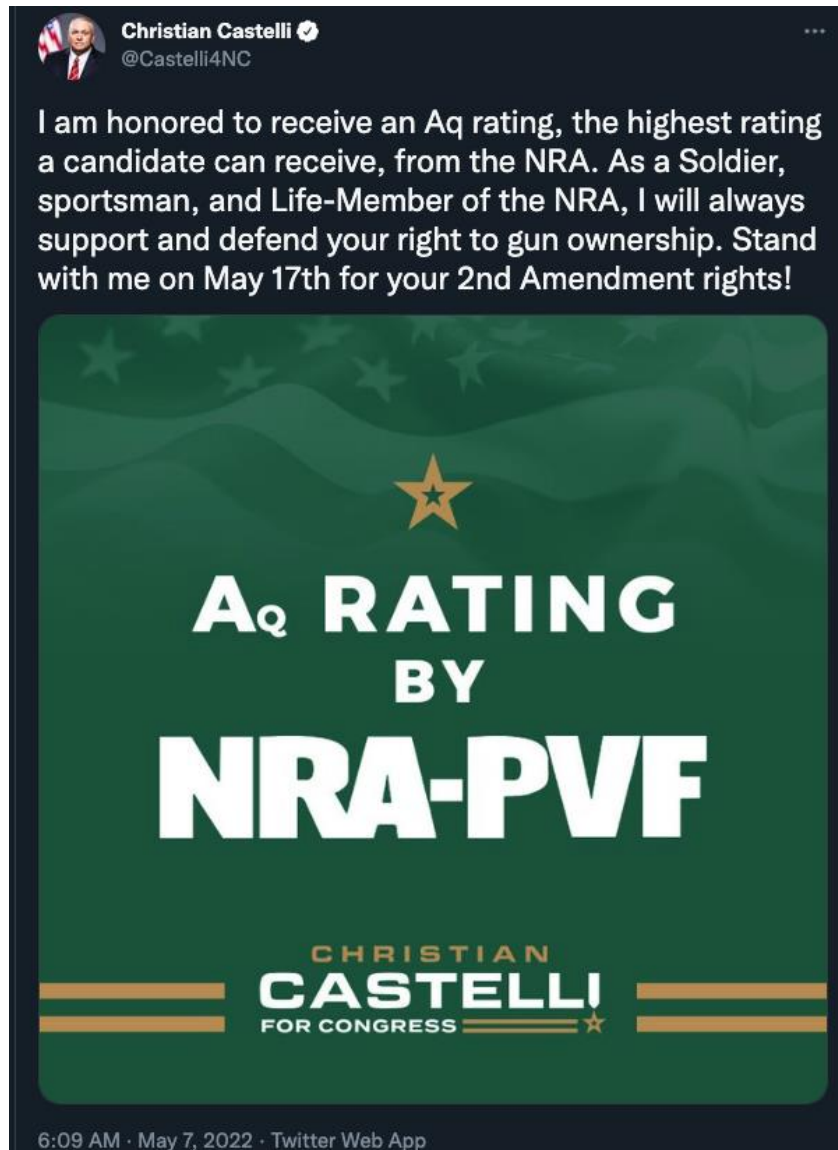


**Candidate for U.S. Congress**  
6th District of North Carolina  
Jan 2022 - Present · 6 mos

[LinkedIn, Robert Castelli, accessed [6/20/22](#)]

## Twitter

**Castelli Celebrated His Aq Rating From The NRA, The Highest Possible Rating A Candidate Could Receive.** According to Twitter, Castelli Tweeted, “I am honored to receive an Aq rating, the highest rating a candidate can receive, from the NRA. As a Soldier, sportsman, and Life-Member of the NRA, I will always support and defend your right to gun ownership. Stand with me on May 17th for your 2nd Amendment rights!” [Twitter, @Castelli4NC, [5/7/22](#)]



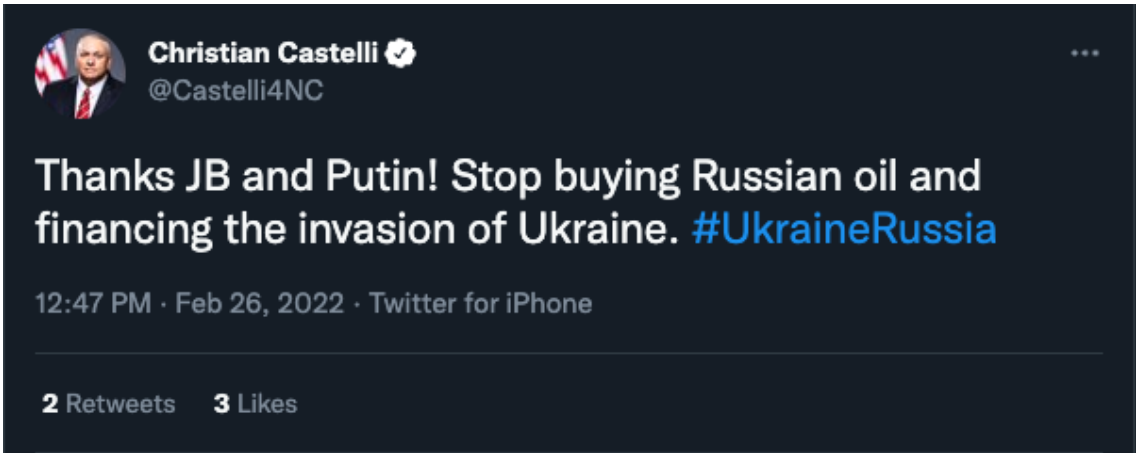
[Twitter, @Castelli4NC, [5/7/22](#)]

**Castelli Was Endorsed By Former Secretary Of The Interior Ryan Zinke.** According to Twitter, Castelli tweeted, “I am honored to have the endorsement of the Former U.S. Secretary of the Interior and Navy SEAL combat veteran Ryan Zinke.” [Twitter, @Castelli4NC, [4/1/22](#)]



[Twitter, @Castelli4NC, [4/1/22](#)]

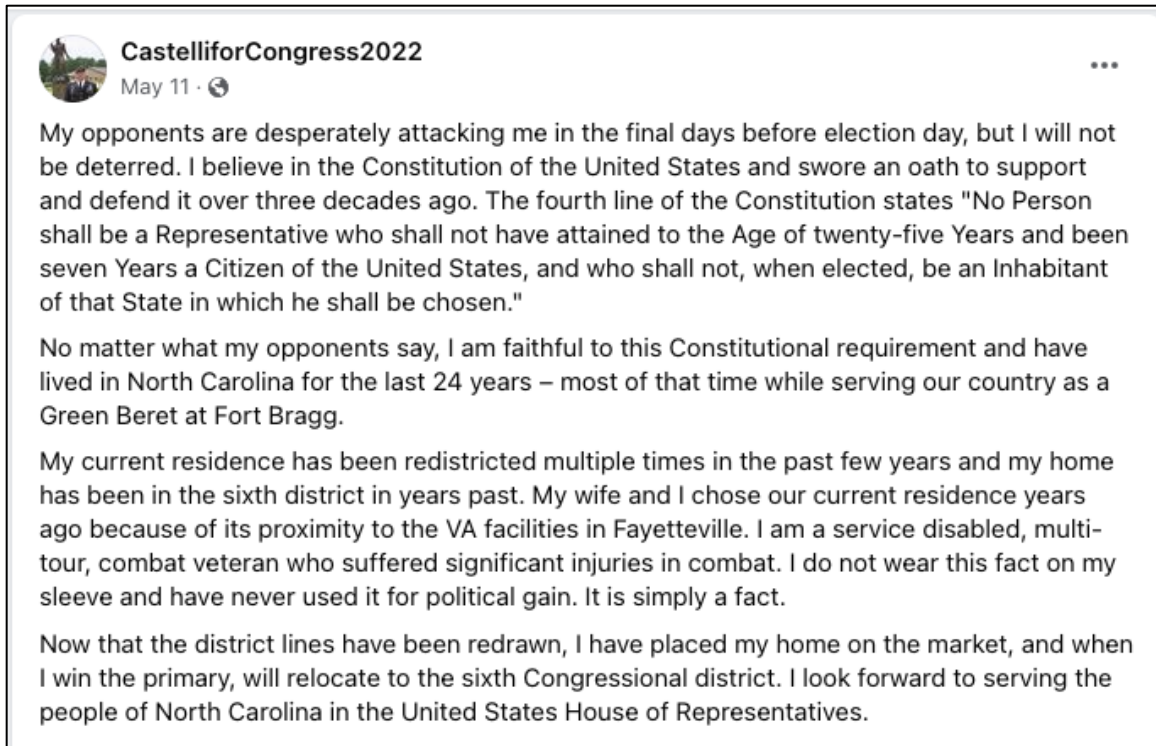
**Castelli: “Thanks JB And Putin! Stop Buying Russian Oil And Financing The Invasion Of Ukraine. #UkraineRussia.”** According to Twitter, Castelli Tweeted, “Thanks JB and Putin! Stop buying Russian oil and financing the invasion of Ukraine. #UkraineRussia.” [Twitter, @Castelli4NC, [2/26/22](#)]



[Twitter, @Castelli4NC, [2/26/22](#)]

## Facebook

**May 2022: Castelli Argued That Even Though He Didn't Currently Live In The 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, He Met The Constitutional Requirements To Serve And Pledged To Move Into The 6th District After Winning The Republican Primary.** According to a Facebook post by Castelli, "My opponents are desperately attacking me in the final days before election day, but I will not be deterred. I believe in the Constitution of the United States and swore an oath to support and defend it over three decades ago. The fourth line of the Constitution states 'No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty-five Years and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.' No matter what my opponents say, I am faithful to this Constitutional requirement and have lived in North Carolina for the last 24 years – most of that time while serving our country as a Green Beret at Fort Bragg. My current residence has been redistricted multiple times in the past few years and my home has been in the sixth district in years past. My wife and I chose our current residence years ago because of its proximity to the VA facilities in Fayetteville. I am a service disabled, multi-tour, combat veteran who suffered significant injuries in combat. I do not wear this fact on my sleeve and have never used it for political gain. It is simply a fact. Now that the district lines have been redrawn, I have placed my home on the market, and when I win the primary, will relocate to the sixth Congressional district. I look forward to serving the people of North Carolina in the United States House of Representatives." [Facebook, CastelliForCongress2022, [5/11/22](#)]



[Facebook, CastelliForCongress2022, [5/11/22](#)]

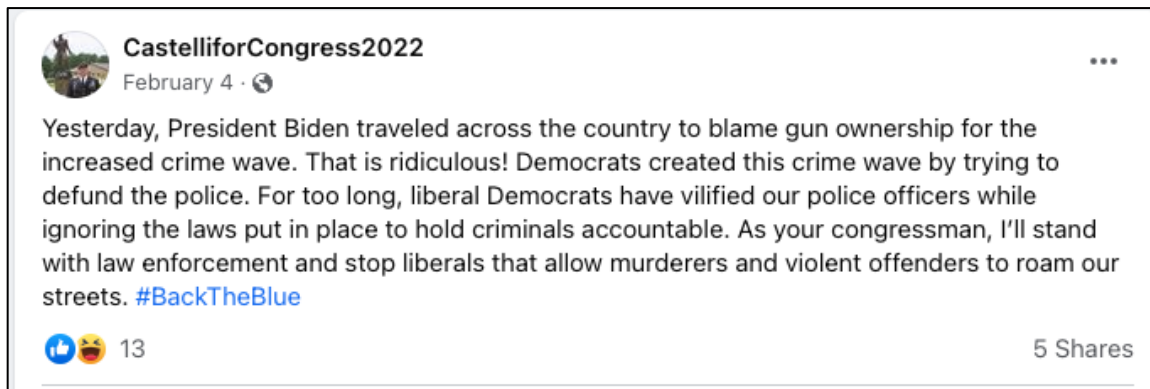
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## Instagram

**Castelli Attended A Dinner Hosted By Eric And Lara Trump At The Trump National Golf Club In Briarcliff Manor, New York.** [Instagram, @Castelli4NC, [2/28/22](#)]



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## Videos

### Living Outside The 6<sup>th</sup> District

**Castelli, The Only 6<sup>th</sup> District Candidate Not To Live In The District, Falsely Claimed It Was A “Fact” That 25 Percent Of Congresspeople Lived Outside Their District And Failed To Cite Any Published Study When Asked Where To Support His Claim.** According to a segment on WXII 12 News, “[Anchor] Christian Castelli has more campaign money than his six opponents combined. His latest fundraising support shows he has more than \$200,000, but most of that money comes from himself in the form of loans. Castelli is the only candidate in this race who doesn’t live in the 6<sup>th</sup> district. [Castelli] “No, I don’t think its an issue. Once I explain to them that you don’t have to- most people don’t know what the rules are. And so, when you explain that, the fact that 25% of the people in congress don’t live in the district they represent, that’s a nice fact that most people are unaware of.” [Anchor] WXII 12 News found no evidence supporting Castelli’s claim that 25% of congressional representatives don’t live in the district they represent. The most recent study found 21 members of congress, less than five percent, live outside their district. [Castelli] “Half the folks don’t even know what district they’re in right now because of redistricting.” [Anchor] Mr Castelli said his claim about 25% of congressmen living outside their district came from someone he knows, not a published study... Mr. Castelli says he live in Moore county but plans to move into the 6<sup>th</sup> district if he wins the primary.” [YouTube, WXII 12 News, 1:25-3:04, [5/5/22](#)]

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## Guns

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**WXII 12 News Said That Castelli “Pledged His Support For Gun Rights” And Cited His Campaign Website’s Pro-Gun Statement.** According to a segment on WXII 12 News, “Most Republican candidates for Congress we interviewed for the recent primary also pledged their support for gun rights. Christian Castelli, he won the GOP primary for congress in North Carolina’s 6<sup>th</sup> District. His campaign website states that he is a ‘life member of the NRA’ and a ‘responsible gun owner.’ It says “I will always support and defend your rights as a gun owner.” [YouTube, WXII 12 News, 2:10-2:25, [5/26/22](#)]

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## Green Berets

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**Castelli Said He Felt “Compelled To Run” For Congress As A Former Green Beret And Argued That America “Needs To Get More Folks With Our Type Of Background Activated...”** According to an Interview with Castelli on Fox & Friends, “[Host] ‘Christian Castelli, again, why are you running?’ [Castelli] “Again, I’d have to echo what Pat said, I feel compelled to run. You know as a young ranger I was taught a three-word mantra: ‘proactive dynamic leadership.’ As a Green beret I was taught ‘leadership, decision making, problem solving.’ And That’s what we bring to the table as Green Berets. The men on this screen have sacrificed greatly, they’ve risked everything for our country, and they have a set of skills we can bring to Congress. And given that opportunity, I think this is where America needs to get more folks with our type of background activated and uh, you know, I’d like to tell Mike Waltz ‘we got reinforcements on the way, Mike, continue to hold down the fort, we’re coming to help you out.” [Facebook, Fox & Friends, 5:35-6:21, [5/14/22](#)]

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## Michael Flynn Endorsement

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**Castelli Was Endorsed By Former Presidential Adviser And General Michael Flynn.** According to a segment on WXII 12 News, “[Anchor] Another candidate tells WXII 12 News he has bigger endorsements than Mark Robinson, listing Congresswomen Virginia Foxx and former Presidential Adviser General Michael Flynn endorsing his campaign... Christian Castelli’s campaign website does not list any endorsements.” [WXII12.com, 1:29-2:00, [5/5/22](#)]

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## Russia & Ukraine

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### Economy & Business

#### Personal Businesses

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**November 2013: Castelli Was The President Of Santec LLC, A Startup Company Trying To Develop A Waterless Toilet That Could Dry Solid Waste Into A Biofuel Or Agricultural Material.** The Associated Press reported, "At 33, Heather Deal already has founded two Newburgh startup companies, which she heads as the chief executive officer, and one of those companies is hard at work developing a waterless toilet with backing from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Santec LLC received a \$619,000 Reinvent the Toilet Challenge Grant from the Gates Foundation's water, sanitation and hygiene program. 'Our core mission in Santec is providing viable technology options to provide water, hygiene and sanitation solutions to the geographical world areas that lack these vital basics,' Deal, a University of Southern Indiana graduate in public relations, told the Evansville Courier & Press. [...] The projects will be displayed at a Reinvent the Toilet Challenge Fair in New Delhi in March 2014. The projects will be rated and the leaders may receive more grant funding, Deal said. Santec's development aims to dry solid waste into a safe-to-handle potential biofuel or agriculture material and to capture and recycle water energy and other resources. 'At the end of the day, this will save lives,' said Robert 'Chris' Castelli, Santec president. Engineering designs will be made available to Gates Foundation officials and investors for possible manufacturing and commercialization." [Associated Press, 11/6/13]

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## Economic Policy

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**Castelli Promised To “Never Vote To Increase Taxes.”** According to Castelli’s website, “I believe in fiscal responsibility and will safeguard against reckless government spending that will unnecessarily burden future generations. I will fight to control runaway inflation and never vote to increase taxes.” [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

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## Education

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### School Choice

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**Castelli: “I Support School Choice Because Parents Know What’s Best For Their Children, Not The Government.”** According to Castelli’s website, “I will defend against government overreach and protect your right to assemble. I will always fight back against unconstitutional executive orders. I support school choice because parents know what’s best for their children, not the government. I will strongly oppose political indoctrination, like Critical Race Theory (CRT), in our schools and in the workplace. And, I will stand with workers to protect their jobs against unconstitutional vaccination mandates that threaten people’s jobs.” [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

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## **Ethics & Government Reform**

**May 2022: Castelli Signed The U.S. Term Limits Pledge For An Amendment To Term Limit Congress.**

According to a press release from U.S. Term Limits, “Washington D.C. – U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the leader in the non-partisan national movement to limit terms for elected officials, praises 2022 U.S. house candidate for North Carolina, Christian Castelli (district 6), for signing the pledge for an amendment to term limit Congress. Previously, candidate Lee Haywood also signed the pledge. U.S. Term Limits has the support of more than 90 pledge signers in Congress. USTL President Philip Blumel commented on Castelli’s and Haywood’s pledges saying, ‘Christian’s and Lee’s strong support of term limits shows that there are individuals who are willing to put self-interest aside to follow the will of the people. America needs a Congress that will be served by citizen legislators, not career politicians.’” [U.S. Term Limits, Press Release, [5/16/22](#)]

## **Foreign Policy**

### **Russia & Ukraine**

**Castelli: “I Worked With The Russian Army A Long Time Ago. Russian Special Forces. I Will Tell You Personally They Are An Undisciplined Lot Of Soldiers. I Think They Have Seriously Underestimated The Resistance.”** According to an interview with Castelli on Fox News, “[Host] Joining us now is Chris Castelli, a retired Green Beret and a Colonel who’s now running for Congress in North Carolina. [...] I want to ask you first about this idea of arming the Ukrainians. In the interim we’ve been hearing more reports about maybe getting migs into the hands of the Ukrainians by way of Poland, maybe some stingers, do you think that will make a significant impact on what’s been happening. [Castelli] Good morning, Kevin, and thanks for having me. Absolutely, it’s essential for the defense of Ukraine for them to get some more anti-aircraft capability as well as the counter-battery missile support... [host] If I’m not mistaken, based on our conversations, even informally, I think you actually have some experience in working alongside or know more about the Russians than, say, the average person who hasn’t spent 22 years in the military. [Castelli] I worked with the Russian army a long time ago. Russian special forces. I will tell you personally they are an undisciplined lot of soldiers. I think they have seriously underestimated the resistance from the Ukrainian forces. They’re essentially fighting for their survival. I think the Russian army is demoralized. I think they’re poorly trained. I think they’re highly overrated. Although, the great equalizer, of course, is their nuclear capability and this situation has the ability to ramp up very quickly.” [Fox News, 0:38-2:58, [3/6/22](#)]

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**Castelli: "NATO Needs To Get Their Act Together And Support The Ukrainian Defense. Give President Zelenskyy What He Needs And Give It To Him Now. There's Not Going To Be Much Left To Defend Here If We Take Our Time Getting The Aid That The Ukrainians Are Asking For."** According to an interview with Castelli on Fox News, "[Host] I'm just curious if you feel like the world has the right strategy to slow this man [Putin] down. [Castelli] ... NATO needs to get their act together and support the Ukrainian defense. Give president Zelenskyy what he needs and give it to him now. There's not going to be much left to defend here if we take our time getting the aid that the Ukrainians are asking for." [Fox News, 3:37-4:09, [3/6/22](#)]

## America First

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**Castelli Supported An "America First" Approach To Foreign Policy.** According to Castelli's website, "America is an exceptional nation and an America First agenda ensures that we operate from a position of strength. Our power is derived from our Constitution, knowledge that we are a nation of laws, and buttressed by the most powerful military the world has ever known. We should also support our allies and not abandon them in their time of need, but always remember that we must place America's interests and that of its citizens before our adversaries." [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

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## Guns

**Castelli: “I Will Uphold Your Constitutional Right To Keep And Bear Arms. As A Soldier, I Carried A Weapon For A Living In Defense Of This Nation. As A Soldier, Sportsman, Life Member Of The NRA, And Responsible Gun Owner, I Will Always Support And Defend Your Right To Gun Ownership.”** According to Castelli’s website, “I will uphold your Constitutional right to keep and bear arms. As a Soldier, I carried a weapon for a living in defense of this nation. As a Soldier, sportsman, life member of the NRA, and responsible gun owner, I will always support and defend your right to gun ownership.” [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

**WXII 12 News Said That Castelli “Pledged His Support For Gun Rights” And Cited His Campaign Website’s Pro-Gun Statement.** According to a segment on WXII 12 News, “Most Republican candidates for Congress we interviewed for the recent primary also pledged their support for gun rights. Christian Castelli, he won the GOP primary for congress in North Carolina’s 6<sup>th</sup> District. His campaign website states that he is a ‘life member of the NRA’ and a ‘responsible gun owner.’ It says “I will always support and defend your rights as a gun owner.” [YouTube, WXII 12 News, 2:10-2:25, [5/26/22](#)]

## Health Care

### Abortion

**Castelli Pledged To “Protect The Unborn From Conception To Birth. I Believe Life Begins At Conception And We Must Do Everything In Our Power To Protect The Defenseless At Every Stage Of Life.”** According to Castelli’s website, “As a devout Christian, I will protect the unborn from conception to birth. I believe life begins at conception and we must do everything in our power to protect the defenseless at every stage of life. I will fight to stop tax dollars from being used to fund Planned Parenthood and abortion. Taxpayer dollars should never be used to fund immoral practices.” [Christian Castelli For Congress, accessed [6/13/22](#)]

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## Immigration & Border

### Border Security

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